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BRITISH BULLFINCH—Pyrrhula p. nesa.

Few birds can compare with the cock bullfinch for beauty of colouring, but he is more frequently heard than seen. His presence is made known by his clear, plaintive "peep," and is not always welcome because of his habit of feeding on fruit buds, and systematically damaging any crops in which he makes his home. He makes slight amends by eating the seeds of troublesome weeds. Bullfinches are uniquely devoted, and throughout the year may be seen in each other's company.

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27.10.51 Tuesday We set off from the Ball field (60) Gr. at 9.30, collected our lunch and went up the Mt Victory Rd as far as a turn off (53) D. to the left with the sign post "Moora Moora Reservoir". We took this which (54) T turned out to be a very steep and narrow road leading down behind Mt. Victory into the Victoria Valley. On the way down we saw a SPOTTED PARDALOTE and PIED CURRAWONG. We crossed a ford over a small creek and stopped for a look round, mainly at the plants but we saw a BLACK-FACED CUCKOO-SHRIKE. After we had descended the road was flat in the valley for many ~~miles~~ miles and we cruised slowly along. We put up many COMMON BRONZEWINGS and to my utter surprise a PHEASANT crossed the road. It was not the English pheasant but with upper parts black and slate. We got only a brief glimpse of it.

There were many red-gum

swamps and I poked round a few to see WOOD-DUCK and BLACK DUCK. There were many mobs of Kangaroos but we were disappointed to see no Emus which are said to be common and for which the forest, broken by heathland and with very little undergrowth, was ideal.

We came to where the road crossed a canal which we followed up stream for half-a-mile in a patch of burnt scrub with bracken till we came to the reservoir. This still had many trees standing in it with the margins covered with Leptospermum. The only new bird on it was the TUSK-DUCK and in the stringy barks along its margins were STRIATED THORNBILLS.

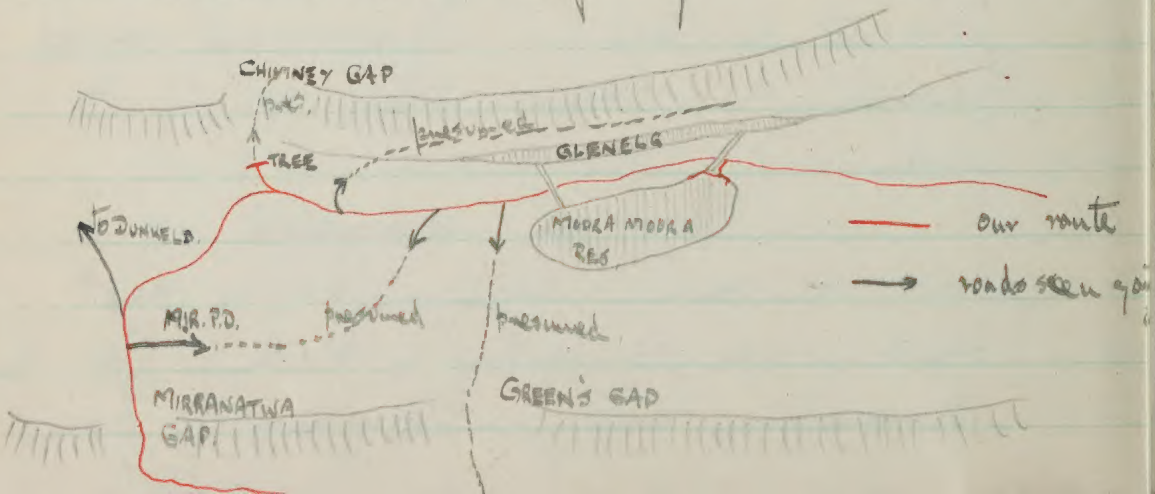
We went on a little way to where we had lunch. The forest was here more open in character, bordering large areas of Leptospermum on our right along the banks of the Glenelg (which we never actually saw). The

open forest produced birds typical of it — WHITE-BROWED BABBLER, [BROWN TREE-CREEPER] with nest, COLLARED SPARROWHAWK and WHITE-WINGED TRILLER. The roads we were on were made by the Forests Commission and were not tourist's roads as we had thought. Our map was entirely useless and we kept on going South and bearing to the right in an effort to get out of the valley by a gap near the Chimneys. We saw at this (Southern) end the valley a PIED CUCKOO. We came to a place on the road where a tree had fallen across and we had to turn back and take the previous fork to the left. That road would however, we think, taken us to the Chimney's Gap.

The road deteriorated and took a course bearing to the east and was obviously heading for the Mirrumatwa Gap. Suddenly fences,

cleared land, and a farm turned up. We asked our way from an old Danish woman who lived there but didn't know the neighbourhood! We did get some information from a woman who was returning her children from school. It was very fine country west of the gap and here we saw BUFF-TAILED THORN BILLS and a WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE soaring high over the mountains.

Over the gap on the Dunkeld Rd to Halls Gap and home. It was a most interesting day over wonderful country for birds. I am making a small sketch map of where we went



28.11.51 Wednesday We left the hotel at
(62) GR. 9.30 am and, collecting the lunch, went off
on the Mt. Victory Rd and went to the
(35) D. base of the Mt. Rosea track. The weather
(86) T was cool with sun and clouds. We
started up at 10.20 paused at the base
of the 'Staircase' for lemonade at 11.0 and
set off again at 11.20, reaching the
summit at 11.55 where we had
lunch.

There is a superb view from
there and I took a complete panorama
with the red filter on my camera. The
birds most common on the top were
the [EASTERN SPINEBILL] and [WHITE-BROWED
SCRUB-WREN]. We saw directly below
us, on the eastern side, a forestry
track which led back to the road
where the car was. We wanted
to take it but could find no
key, we drew and Joan was
not suitably dressed for a ramble.
So we came back by the route we

Kind came by seeing a SCARLET ROBIN on the way and got to the car at 2.15

We were in two minds whether to take the car into Horsham, or for Joan to sit where she was while I poked about for birds. Some tossed for it Heads for Horsham. Tails for Kitty. There we were. It came up heads so we made it the best of three and it came up heads again. So Joan sat while I went off.

I went down Hall's Dell a thick fern path by a stream and came back through the woods seeing a fountain through on my way.

We had tea at Hall's Gap and then walked up Stone Creek also as far as Wonderland scrambling on the 'Elephant's Hide' where there was no path We got back to the Hotel at 6.0 p.m.

29.11.51 Thursday

(64) GR. (38) D. (88) T.

I was up early and out of the hotel at 6.15. I walked up the mountain a bit behind the hotel, turned off to the right and came back through the green forest and bracken to the road

The YELLOW-TUFTED HONEYEATER was the only new bird for the walk but I saw 25 birds before breakfast including all the local honeyeaters but the Crescent.

We left the hotel at 9.30, collected our lunch and set off for Wonderland. We visited Panay Falls and back to the rotunda near where we had morning tea, watched by a very tame Grey Currawong. We walked down slowly to the road and back via Splitters Falls. We collected our haversack and set off up the Canyon to the top where we had lunch. Then on as far as the top of Silent St. Saw a warbler on my left drew my attention to a large snake disappearing under a rock. The way was only a few feet wide with the walls rising many feet above us. Joan walked rapidly backwards and fiddled past the rock. We made our way back to the car, watching every rock on our way.

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We drove over the Mt. Victoria Road to Lake Wanaka where Joan napped in the car from 2.45 - 3.45 while I went into the swamp and around the edge of the reservoir. I saw a SWAMP HARRIER over the reeds.

We drove to McKenzie Falls for tea at 4.30 and were home again very tired at 5.15.

30.11.51. Friday We packed up our things
(66) BR. and went off after breakfast to Hall's
(68) D. Gap where we bought some honey, collected our lunch, bought some Thipteamene
(102) T plants. MUSK LORIKEETS were flying over the Camping ground and I found also there the nest and young of the Red Wattle-bird

We went over the Mt Victoria Rd to Mt Victoria lookout and walked along the ridge to Reid's lookout where we had a chat to the forester and saw spread out below us the Victoria Valley in which we tried to follow

We returned to the car by the same route. It was very hot and Joan walked with her skirt at the back pulled up over her to shade the head. She was a fine sight to follow!

We went on to Emmastein where we had lunch by the river and left the Grampians on the Horsham Rd. with a total of 66 birds for the area.

By the road were a lot of Kangaroos which had been shot and I checked up on their dead feathers for identification. With them also was a BARN OWL. We had tea and a milk shake in Horsham. Joan did a little shopping and we cruised round looking at the town before setting off South on the Western Highway.

We went through miles of very open forest and cultivation & grazing. There was a flock

of WHITE COCKATOOS. We turned eastwards at Cavendish and on the plains saw the BROWN SONG-LARK and WHITE-FRONTED [illegible]. In the streets of Dunkeld were PURPLE-CROWNED LORIKEETS and on the plains beyond were GALAHS and GALAHS. Through Glenthompson to Lake Bolac. I was getting near my 100 birds for the trip and it was exciting as it got dark.

Then on our left was a large lake covered in birds. I turned towards it and saw COOT, HARY-HEADED GREBE, WHITE-HEADED STILT PINK-EARED DUCK and BLUE-BILLED DUCK. Made it with one to spare! After Streatham we saw a WHITE EGRET. I am all against the bird-lister but when you do get near to century it does catch you.

Home in the dark through Skipton, Ararat. Creswick and so to Ballarat at 9.10 pm. It was a really wonderful two days for I saw and 5 new birds but not coming first

List of Grampian Birds

Bronzewing
Wood Duck.
Black Duck.
Musk Duck.
Little [illegible]
Sp-w. Flycatcher.
Wh-f. Heron
Wh-n. Heron
[illegible]
Sw Imp Harrier
C. Sparrow-Hawk.
Musk Lorikeet
[illegible]
Y-t. Bl. Cockatoo
Eastern Rosella
Crimson Rosella
Brown Hawk
Kookaburra.
[illegible]
F-tailed Cuckoo.
G. Br.-Cuckoo
H. Br.-Cuckoo

Tree Martin
Swallow
Grey Fantail
Willie-Wagtail.
Satin Flycatcher
[illegible]
[illegible]
Rufous Whistler
Golden Whistler.
Grey Thrush
Magpie-Lark.
B.-f. Cuckoo-shrike
Yellow Robin
W-w. Triller.
[illegible]
Blue Wren.
Emu-Wren
[illegible]
Str. Thornbill
Buff.-t. Thornbill.
Wh-br. Babbler
Wh-br. Scrub-wren.

Dusky Wood-swallow.
Wthr. Treecreeper.
Brown Treecreeper
Spotted Pardalote
[illegible]
Crescent Honeeater.
Yellow-w. Honeyeater.
Yellow-f. Honeyeater.
Yellow-t Honeyeater
Wh-eared Honeyeater.
Eastern Spinebill
Red Wattle-bird.
[illegible]
Grey Currawong.
Pied Currawong.
W-w. Chough
Raven
[illegible]

Goldfinch
Sparrow.
Starling
Pheasant

List of Grampian Birds — Pett 1951

Spur-winged Plover
Banded Plover } Plains
Mountain Duck
Eastern Flycatcher ? Satin
White-throated Warbler.
White-throated Tree-creeper
Eastern Spinebill

Box i Callitris seeds eaten by Grey Gang's — Grampians Nov '51

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Wandelrund Track from Billfield Peak = Crampons 26.11.51

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Nowra Nowra Reservoir = Crampons 27.11.51

H VII 3.

Lake Waitoki – Grampians 29.11.51

H VII 4.

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Jan 13th 1952 At 11.0 am. Joan and D
3A D. with the Michael T Jonathan and a caravan
behind set out westwards on the Prince's Highway
3A T. for a week's holiday. The caravan is a thunder
box with 3 extra from Melbourne the
day before. The caravan is ingeniously
fitted with bunks, cans, and two berths
but whether it was our first attempt with a
caravan we were a little doubtful of the
outcome.

We went on the Prince's
Highway as far as Princes Lord — MAGPIE, RAVEN,
MAGPIE-LARK, SPARROW, STARLING — and turned off
on the Cobden Rd. We arrived there at
midday and had lunch overlooking the river
which at that spot was afloat with water
plants and flanked with reeds and trees —
DUSKY MOORHEN, LITTLE PIED CORMORANT and LITTLE
BLACK CORMORANT. A BLACK-FACED CUCKOO-SHRIKE
was seen in the streets. After lunch, at 1.0
pm, we all went for a swim in the baths
and were great refreshed for it was hot.
We set off at 2.0 pm, the

the bags [illegible] but not the [illegible], in the
Canberra. We then Came across the GREENFINCH,
BLACKBIRD, KESTREL, SWAMP HARRIER, NOISY MINER,
GREY FANTAIL, WHITE-THROATED TREE-CREEPER, PIPIT
SCARLET ROBIN, - the last [illegible] him in the
Namadgi Forest. We [illegible] Canberra
to Fort Campbell and as we approached
the Coast, we saw a WHITE-FRONTED CHAT. We
passed straight on to the Cann Rd and found
a spot to camp a mile or two to the west, well
[illegible] in the trees.

We [illegible] to Canberra, and after
considerable [illegible] got it into position and
I put the tent-fly up beside it, then
[illegible] the trees. We had afternoon tea and
then took the bags into Fort Campbell for an
hour on the beach. The sky was [illegible]
grey and a breeze made things chill.
SILVER GULLS and SWANS flew over the
harbour. At 5.00 we went into a
cafe where I had a [illegible] on toast
bread and the boys had icecreams. Then
[illegible] to the caravan, - BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE

Wreck the boys were keen [illegible]
birds of prey and [illegible] hunt to [illegible] 5
shocked off and flew [illegible] birds South.
We were overtaken with [illegible]
Thornbills, Warblers, Honeyeaters and
many Cockatoos — and the birds:
GOLDFINCH, SKYLARK, BLUE WREN, EMU-WREN,
GREY THRUSH, MAGPIE, WHITE-BROWED SCRUB-WREN
BROWN HONEYBIRD, TAWNY-CROWNED HONEYEATER and
BLUE-WINGED PARROT, STRIATED FIELD-WREN

When the boys were [illegible] down and
on the [illegible] and we on the back-seat of the
car, we watched with [illegible] to look out for
[illegible] birds. Among the birds of the Riverina
BRISTLE-BIRD and the EASTERN SPINEBILL. The
temperature dropped suddenly, a few drops
of rain fell and then a cool [illegible] from
the west sprang up. Just outside us
was [illegible] but we parked under a
shelter shed.

Monday January 14th 1952 We passed quite a
(39) good night despite a thunderstorm; the noise of
52/T the rain on the [illegible] was deafening. Jan—

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Slept poorly with temperature called for in Wings at 4.15 am. Which is copied in the book breakfast at 4.15 am and left by car for Port Campbell. The birds [illegible] added to or substituted to the [illegible] and observations are [illegible] STARLING, KESTREL, SWAMP HARRIER, YELLOW-WINGED HONEYEATER, and PEREGRINE FALCON. This makes a total of eighteen species.

We went through Port Campbell on the Princes road and stopped at the caravan park [illegible] the cliffs and finish at the rock [illegible] Gorge. There I picked up a black SOOTY-TAILED OYSTERCATCHER. On the Hopkins River saw BLACK SWANS. We returned to Port Campbell for morning-tea and then back to the Princes Rd. On the inland were MOUNTAIN DUCK and REED-WARBLERS. We went down a dirt track through the sand dunes to the Mid Bay. The sand was hot and cold and the dog's feet were burnt even [illegible] up and started again, in which the dog did very well.

After lunch we set off west, with the
caravan behind us to Peterborough. We
went right through and out on the
Warmanbool road. On this stretch we saw
the WHITE-BACKED HONEYEATER, WHITE-FACED HERON,
WHITE-NECKED HERON and WILLIE-WAGTAIL. We
had afternoon tea about 2:30 in Warmanbool,
made some purchases and went down to
the beach. There was a farm tractor
and a few people on the [illegible]
There was a large inlet at that spot,
in which were BLACK DUCK, GREY TEAL, CHESTED TERN, HOODED PLOVER, SPUR-WINGED PLOVER,
SILVER GULLS and a small waders. Did not have the
opportunity of identifying them.
Then on to Port Fairy, LARGE
BLACK CORMORANT, where we crossed river,
[illegible] for a small spot finish. Stuck
on the other side of the harbour. Still it
made a good spot with fine flies. The
boys and Trevor had a stroll before tea
& washed dishes and people dishes
from the fishing boats.

Tuesday June 15th 1954. After breakfast I
(43) D. left the boys to Pat Town in South Beach for the
(44) T heavier while I took a rest. Priest family
dentist were not productive of birds. Visits were
to us on the beach with Jan and Winston
back to the town towards the water tank
coming in the car, my attention was drawn
to a FISHING EAGLE soar 1000' up and a
a little more swiftly in the other direction.
After lunch I went out with the children
which we took a step and drove off the
beach for the lagoon. Went out on the
Pathfinder 2½ and stopped at Cross Lagoon
Inside was full with birds - HOARY-HEADED
GREBE, RUDDY DUCK, STRAW-NECKED IBIS, WHITE IBIS,
WHITE EGRET and a pair of BLACK-FRONTED
DOTTEREL. On the way to the lagoon was full
of waders and water plants. In the distance
the open water was seen to be teeming with
duck.

Went on to Tomahawk where I
hoped to see the estuary by the Slipway. I
could only see it from a distance much

here was quite quiet to be seen. But it had one large [illegible] with birds, which was teeming with birds and EASTERN SWAMPHEN, LITTLE GREBE, ROYAL SPOONBILL and WHITE-HEADED STILT were included to be [illegible]. I returned to the Creek bridge and walked about a mile to the open water, putting up some STUBBLE QUAIL from the paddocks. MARSH TERNS were flitting in large flocks over the water. There were simply acres of ducks. Unfortunately I was too late to see and since I had to maintain touch with the party birds I could be sure of. There were others which I could not identify.

When I returned the party had had lunch at the Italian Seamen at the hospital and then for a few minutes to the mangrove beach. There were GREATER crowding off-shore in large flocks of Gulls & Terns. We waited up to walk right out to the end of the breakwater where we could see the large flocks of Gulls and Terns coming in to roost

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Wednesday January 16th 1901 — After

(39) I breakfast was packed up & hitched the caravan
(26) T. onto the cart & left camp at 9 AM. We brought
in three prisoners with us & left them with the Dr
at the Eastern Beach Station & went to get
a washing job done on the caravan. This
finished about 1 hour each & then left the
caravan at the beach for some sets of
the yacht for the Cooper Creek at its bottom
tip & then it approaches the Head. Highlands
Bay & Lizard Island in Background
Behind. I walked through bushes with a
sharp look out for snakes to the edge of
the lagoon which was alive with STARD-
PIPERS & SANDPIPERS. I walked slowly along
marvelling at the richness & the birds life
birth in species and numbers — Inside of
the Barrier Reef is alive with luscious life.
I watched the Reef as the came home
Waves which a few yards away.
LITTLE TERNS BIRDS beautiful on the wing from
the rocks on the Reef Island. It was
TERNS BILLED SKIMMERS then heavenly into

around. The sun for a little while was a float with stars reached Eden.

Had a swim when I got back, before lunch in the caravan. Then we hitched up & were ready to Portland. The trip was uneventful with Jonathan asleep in the caravan and Rachael in the back seat. I had a [illegible] where I overtook [illegible] in Portland we had a short walk around, bought some ice-creams and then on to the Bridgewater Road where was Tarible. We did stop for a flock of WHITE-BACKED MAGPIES [illegible] and a YELLOW-FACED HONEYEATER. Embedded the caravan at the beach and went over to the Discovery to look for a better site but there were none and I returned to set up the caravan on the grass at the edge of the beach. Among the beach were the PIED OYSTERCATCHERS each of which in a final stroll of the evening I photographed beside each with a Hooded Dotterel before finishing the roll with one of my own Stranger.

Thursday 17th January 1952. I got up at 6.30.
(27) and walked along to the dotterel's nest. On the
(28) T. I found a pair of SINGING HONEYEATERS
in the bracken by the track. It was the
first time I had a really good look at
them and I smiled to think that I once
misnamed them in the fallacy named honeyeater.
They reminded me more of the inflated
Honeyeater. Though I have probably made
a fair amount of correct identifications on the
short walk from here to camp there were
several occasions when I said
I didn't.

I set the camera up several yards
from the nest and waited it out just
before breakfast. Returning at 7.15 am
set the camera up in its final position and
waited until 8 am. Sunshine in flies. The
birds were never far off but never came
to the nest. So I contented myself with
two shots of the nest and its habitat. It
was a pity for the light was poor and
responded badly to it. Then I

which the two little birds running past the caravan away from the last so [illegible] its evening.

In the afternoon we went into Portland. The two White Swallows were still in the same spot on the road where there was also a party of Buff tailed Thornbills. In Portland I looked up Noel Learmonth and found he was at Dartmoor. So I had a very few short words with him and left.

We returned by Cashmore and the heathland to Bridgewater Lakes. To the north-west was a fantastic array of huge sand-dunes reaching in from the sea, swallowing up the ti-tree. To the south were sheer cliffs with some of the most immense clouds of spray rising up against them that I have ever seen. Below us, sheltered from the sea by the dunes were the Bridgewater Lakes looking oddly out of place, green & reedy, where they were. There was a Magpie-lark [illegible] walking on the water weeds. A visit to the Kentbirds assured us that the nest was not deserted — but they were off to [illegible] shortly.

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Friday Jan 4th 1952 We woke late and it was 10-0 (30) D clock before I set off with the boys to Portland. (42) T. Richard had woken up with diarrhoea, but definite chicken pox with a visit to the chemist was advisable. There were also a few things to get. On the way I saw a large pair of raptors soaring through the glasses. At first I picked up on a WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE and I expected the others to be. But straight through it was a [SWAMP HARRIER] circling as if it was the earlier bird.

After the few purchases, I called again at Kewarra and had morning tea with Jim. We had a good chat and got to know each other far better than we did on the unfortunate occasion on the previous day. He knew where to find a pair in his grounds and at the moment a [WHITE-BROWED WOOD-SWALLOW] was nesting just above his back-door on the cyclone wire. Other birds, which have a RED-BATTLE BIRD call

On the way back I stopped several times for birds and saw a small

flock of SILVEREYES [illegible] of [illegible]
CRIMSON ROSELLAS — the first of the parrot and
cockatoo family to be seen on the trip. The
HOODED DOTTEREL was sitting when I got
back.

Had a good sleep afternoon and
out at 5 pm. The party set off for a walk
along the base of the cliff towards the
headland with to be Waterfall Farm and
beach across the top. It was wonderful how
birds abound in out of the way places
Jonathan at 8 years — out to work
by a little boy with his first day of
birding ever.

Saturday Jan 14th 1956 The last day of the holidays.
(29) D. There is work to report about birds — left at
7½ 7.15, here the car first four parties at Waranwald
Creek at 10 am and home at 2.15 pm.
Nothing was seen. It has a
been a good family holiday and, even
that it was a quiet holiday it was
quite successful for birds. But I wish I
had had better photos.

18th – 23rd May 1952 — Natal.

On Sunday the journey to Durban was made by train. We had a compartment to ourselves and spent the time writing up records. Unfortunately we had to change trains at Durban and our records got mislaid. They should be recovered later.

The afternoon we arrived we all went for a walk from Umbilo to Isipingo. At the start, behind Umbilo Station, we saw a WHITE-BREASTED CORMORANT. From Isipingo we could see two ARCTIC SKUAS round the fishing boats and, when we got down to the beach, there were a few GULL-BILLED TERNS. From the bridge at the mouth of the Umbilo River we could watch them fishing.

On Tuesday we went down to Illovo and up to Umbogintwini Falls. Among the birds in the orchards at Illovo we saw a MISTLETOE-BIRD — the first record for the district. Next day we went to Oribi Gorge and Umtamvuna in Pondoland!

On Wednesday we drove up the Sunset

Rd and understood a bit in that book on Brecken-paddock. When just entering Rome our train returned we [illegible] a flock of WHITE-WINGED CHOUGHS – they decided we'll for the district.

On Thursday we drove to the Thermia R. and walked up to the Falls. On Friday (the day we left) I spent most of the day sketching a BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE in front of the Pinetic Hotel. In the garden at Thalassa at last, at long last, I saw the PIED CHAFFINCH. There existence in the Otways I was beginning to doubt.

All of which points to the doubtful truism that one sees birds in one's own garden without searching. The question remains – what interesting records might not have come if I had wandered off the beaten track.

September 3rd 1952 — Summary 1951–52.

It is well into the next breeding season before I have settled down to this summary — almost 2 months late.

The years first big excitement was the [illegible] of [illegible] back on [illegible] in September, with which I have been very satisfied. [illegible] my [illegible] — [illegible] Jack [illegible] been seen in such numbers, and had never seen them fly. The [illegible], at [illegible], was the years [illegible] and was extremely fine and it was [illegible] by [illegible] species for me and a very [illegible]. That was closely followed by the trip to [illegible] with [illegible] and the finding of the Ground-Parrot [illegible] one of [illegible] I will never forget. A [illegible] to the [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] through [illegible] un-interesting [illegible]. [illegible] was [illegible] holiday [illegible] along the South coast in January, with the

The Holidays are here. Despite their fright
I do not yet want to leave in this
district. Working here is the work mentioned
in the Native section of Hemingford, Nebr.
receipts have [illegible] free meals and.

Hemingford [illegible] and interesting for
its Pilgrim and Puritan [illegible] on the
block. The surrounding [illegible] contains
trees attracted by birds are feeders. The
[illegible] squirrels, [illegible] rabbits, grass [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which in turn
attracted in [illegible] by [illegible]
Kites [illegible] and [illegible].

The season was almost [illegible]
for the [illegible] of winter [illegible] present.
[illegible] Crakes were still present
[illegible] the winter of 1951 in large numbers.
The Harris Hawk, White-headed Eagle
[illegible] Marsh Hawk, [illegible] were present after
in [illegible] by a [illegible] absence. The Arctic
after 4 years, and the Tree Sparrow after
2 years [illegible]. The White Eagle [illegible]

its first appearance in Hawkes that I have seen. The Gull-billed Tern is rare visiting.

Duck were in vast numbers, particularly Common Teal, and the Pink-eared and Pintail Duck were present in thousands. The Freckled Duck was also here, though I did not see it alive. Finally the district was remarkable for the invasion of Black-shouldered Kites which were frequent sometimes. Previously I have known only, at the Block, a stray pair or single bird. Now I almost [illegible].

Six new birds were listed for the district — Bonaparte's Sandpiper (4th Victorian record), Arctic Skua (2nd record), Red-necked Stint, Spotted Nightjar, Buff-backed Tern and Common Tern-complex. My own personal additions have brought it for the district, and the total new birds for the year were 21.

It was a year of unusual events, of [illegible] movements, and I wonder what should have yet come next. Breeding to get further details of these. My own

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] Parrot and [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible].

3.10.62 After lunch Thea [illegible] and I set off on the [illegible] [illegible] trip [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] decided [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and spend [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The weather for many months (had been) very wet and still was, though not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We picked up [illegible] [illegible] on the way: YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILL, BLACK DUCK, SWAMP HARRIER, RAVEN and MAGPIE before we had the first [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Straight through to our destination with GOLDFINCH, STARLING, NOISY MINER, YELLOW-TAILED THORNBILL, WHITE-FRONTED HERON, GREY BUTCHERBIRD, EASTERN ROSELLA, GALAH, KOOKABURRA, WHITE-EARED HONEYEATER, BLUE WREN, MAGPIE-LARK, COMMON BRONZEWING and CRIMSON ROSELLA. [illegible]

INNER GULL, A LITTLE GREEN-BIRD, BLACK CORI

in that stretch the RUFOUS BRISTLE-BIRD, GRASS-WREN
DOTTEREL and SINGING HONEYEATER.

[illegible] the lower Gellibrand road, pulled over a little
[illegible] camp in an old gravel pit, well
[illegible] Hospital Vale. Tea went straight to sleep
[illegible]

16.9.52 We left back at 7.30 pm, [illegible] and myself to [illegible] it. [illegible] were some [illegible] showers. We were up about 6.30 a.m. and finished breakfast, [illegible] and were at 7.0 a.m. Took at the scrub beside the road for [illegible] was very [illegible] particularly [illegible] and [illegible] from the flora. At one spot we found [illegible] and quite [illegible] that [illegible] but we are [illegible] identification. We heard quite [illegible] the [illegible] of the BLUE WARBLER

We were back at the car at 9.0 a.m. and after packing and eating [illegible] at 10.0. We went through [illegible] Hill Rd. We stopped and collected [illegible] eggs all from the [illegible] and identified [illegible] it was [illegible] and [illegible] At Dawson Hill [illegible] but couldn't [illegible] [illegible] I went [illegible] could only be [illegible] Forest so went [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Where we saw GANNETS and CRESTED TERNS.

stay that afternoon and we were all very pleased to see each other. I had a very [illegible] from Joan later, which rendered me miserable — I don't know what my friends [illegible]

17.10.52 After a [illegible] long start to the day and getting in provisions we set off from [illegible] by the [illegible] of [illegible]. The final [illegible] just [illegible] the road [illegible] the [illegible] gave good [illegible].

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After a [illegible] lunch we took the [illegible] to the [illegible], and [illegible] of [illegible], went down the gully [illegible] with [illegible]. [illegible] It was a [illegible] day with [illegible] weather with [illegible] and occasional showers. The gully was very beautiful and we [illegible] to [illegible] as [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

old wood-cutting tracks will be resulted.

We drove back to camp, and

by the camp-fire until bed at 9.10 p.m.

17.10.52 We woke early in without rain,

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or Rupees Fantails, that we were looking for

[illegible] Fox on the Fork River with [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] Dave & Tom. [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] and reached camp at 10.45. The [illegible] before we set off a few [illegible] at the [illegible] till 8.15 when Stuart we carried the [illegible] CRESCENT HONEYEATER. [illegible] the [illegible] identification & the last. After [illegible] we went further up the road and [illegible] Dave & Tom [illegible] scrambled down to the Fork River where it [illegible] went [illegible] through [illegible] for more than an hour we [illegible] some of the Robins we were after. But we did see [illegible] before we left Glen Ford at 3.30 p.m. WHISTLING EAGLES. Back to camp, a late meal and chat and bed at 9.15.

19.10.52 We had a great night and were [illegible] (40) [illegible] at. We walked through the heath just to the north of our camp, [illegible] (96) Emu-Wrens & Field Wrens. The [illegible] was then to come across a snake lying on [illegible] heath and fell over [illegible] it. Back to camp & write up [illegible] The [illegible] arrived in Ken Carr at 10.2 a.m. and we went down to the Second Cattle-pit [illegible]

we followed an earth track off to the water tower
there we sat for a while resting beneath the
tall trees, listening to the chattering but elusive
birds. Then we moved on to the Pavilion to where
we crossed to Chimney Tower and there we
came across a flock of YELLOW-WINGED PITELIAS.
Down by the river we heard a SACRED
KINGFISHER and a female PIED BABBLER. We found
the ground too boggy to go down to the beach
so the Pavilion we returned to our camp for
lunch. Here we heard and saw the SPOTTED
FLYCATCHER.

After lunch we returned to the Chimney
Tower, and there met Cass at the beach by
the Tower. We had explored two days ago. We
went down some of the tracks through forest
and round to the Caldera. There we sat down
waited for Pied Babblers. However we only saw
two females. Birds we definitely identified by
their species. We also heard the MISTLETOE-BIRD.
It was a hot, tiring walk up back to the road
where we met by car and drove back to
camp for tea. A quick [illegible] of the

Henry and I turned to our cabin. A wash and chat, and bed at 9.15.

30.10.[illegible] We had a late night, but were fresh. After breakfast we [illegible] and went off to the light-house. We struck off into the woods [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] We searched the dunes and [illegible] for Orange-headed Parrots but saw none. We went [illegible] to Grey Fish Bay and [illegible] the rocks, [illegible] and Kingfishers.

We went into [illegible] and [illegible] the RED-CAPPED DOTTEREL! A very fine, [illegible] with a [illegible] and [illegible] Michael and [illegible] and Wanglet [illegible] Some fish. [illegible] the breakwater. After lunch we went out to Paradise Beach [illegible]

a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and there were (at last) MOUNTAIN THRUSHES. [illegible]
are very tame and soon set going through
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] BROWN-HEADED HONEYEATER. We
planned to stay here tonight (despite the "No
camping" sign) and I don't think it will be
long before we are [illegible].

21.10.72 (47) (114) Well we [illegible] from the night —
[illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We were packed up early
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — the first [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible].
We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the 'wader's' song and, I think, definitely

identified them. Wherever Nathaniel could, he
[illegible] for the binoculars so he could get a closer look
at the animals with his own eyes and minds.
Then David got a shot at the birds; it flew
[illegible] and fell like a stone to the ground
[illegible] it! He was very proud
[illegible] disappointed and disgusted - embarrassed!
[illegible] the rest of the day
[illegible] and David made up with himself
[illegible] it before lunch. There was also the
EASTERN SHARP-SHIN, SPOTTED-WINGED FALCON,
WHITE-TAILED, GOLDEN-HEADED TRIPTAIL-WARBLER,
[illegible] MOUNTAIN LION. That brought
[illegible] list for the DAY to 17, including
5 introduced species.

After lunch in the car, in
[illegible] they went to the [illegible]
[illegible] (Nathaniel hated it) to walk!
Dave Swanson saw the COOT and
DAVID [illegible]. Then [illegible]
[illegible] WHITE-TAILED HERON; [illegible] Nathaniel
[illegible] LITTLE BLUE HERON, [illegible]

HOARY-HEADED GREBE, CRESTED GREBE, PINK-[illegible]
DUCK and PELICAN) [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] — WHITE-HEADED STILT, GREY
TEAL, BLUE-WINGED SHOVELLER, HARDHEAD, BLACK-
[illegible] and AVOCET. The [illegible]
[illegible]

We went on [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] past
[illegible]
[illegible] to
Lismore. On that stretch we saw the
[illegible], [illegible] and
RED-BACKED PARROT. South from Lismore
[illegible], we saw the [illegible]
IBIS, past Tilangil and the "Cape Barren
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] WHITE

Sunset. Home on the farm. After
[illegible] for tea - fish, [illegible]
and mushrooms, and [illegible] back
to the house.

It has been, on the whole a
successful holiday. Max' earache and
[illegible]
and a total list of 129 birds — a very
[illegible]

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LAKE CORANGAMITE (Salt)

LAKE GNARPURT (Salt)

LAKE COLAC (Fresh)

VAUGHANS ISLAND

Pelican Point

BOUNDARY

L. MILANGIL

L. BOOKAR (Brackish)

L. TERANGPOM (Salt)

L. KARIAH (Brackish)

L. COLONGULAC (Brackish)

L. WEERANGANUK (Salt)

L. KOREETNUNG (Salt)

L. PURRUMBETE (Fresh)

L. BULLEN MERRI (Brackish)

L. GNOTUK (Salt)

L. COBRICO (Fresh)

L. WEERING (Salt)

L. BREAC (Salt)

L. ONDIT (Salt)

MARTINS L. (Salt)

SHALLOW L. (Salt)

L. ROSINE (Salt)

MT KOROROIT 894

MT KOWEETTON 890

BALD HILL 486

MT MENINGOROT 759

MT MYRTOON 706

MT LEURA 1027

EWANS HILL 691

MT PORNDON 949

WARRION HILL 922

MT GELLIBRAND 872

WATCH HILL 450

MT REBECCA

MT SABINE 911

MT MURRAY

MT MACKENZIE

FERGUSONS HILL 708

Bookar

Glenormiston North

Glenormiston South

Gnotuk

Camperdown

Weerite

Naroghid

Sta

Black Rock

Tesbury

Bostocks Creek

Cobden

Elingamite North

Jancourt

Jancourt East

Carpendeit

Pomborneit

Knallak

Landar

Strath Kilcumbete

Stonyford

Irrewillipe

Irrewillipe East

Barongarook

Pirron Yallock

Pirron Yallock Sta

Swan Marsh

Larpent

Colac

Fillmore

Tulloh 767

Cundare

Cressy

Forrest

Gellibrand

Carlisle

Banool 631

Wimba

Kawarren

Beech Forest

Olangolah

Olangolah East

Tanybryn

Mt Sabine

Websters Hill

Dinmont 1272

Mc Devett 1014

Ferguson 1722

Buchanan 1823

Ditchley 1676

Wyelangta 1757

Kinnoul 1547

Weeaponah 1708

Devondale

Chapple Vale

Kennedys Creek

Crowes

Princetown

Yuulong

Lower Gellibrand

Rivernook

Warrie Hill

Cape Volney

Pt Reginald

Lion Headland

Johanna

Moonlight Head

Cape Otway

Pt Flinders

Pt Lewis

Pt Franklin

Skenes Creek

Skenes Creek North

Killarla

Apollo Bay

Pt Bunbury

Pt Hayley

Storm Pt

Heders Vale

Gerards Hill

Ter Hill

Lawrys Hill

Blanket Bay

Corunnun

Coragulac

Cororooke

Nalangil

Alvie

Warrion

Irrewarra

Princes Warncourt

Beeac

Cowleys Creek

Newfield

Port Campbell

Tomahawk Ck

Gellibrand River

Aire River

Curdies River

Grid reference only

Bass

Camp 5 miles south C. Otway 2nd.
Oct 17-19th 1952

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SUMMARY 1972 - 1973.

There has been only one visit for the third year since last summer — that of the trip in the Otter with Alex. While [illegible] is used mostly. The present Bird Trips is a result due to the field stages of construction of Observation Hill, the bowl, and the large amount of time and energy spent in and beating the [illegible] bank [illegible] less like a sandbox yard! Most birding has been done incidental to other trips (eg. skuas, Bob around and [illegible]) or in short sessions when taken off from work.

The most important addition to this list was the BLACK FALCONS, shown to us at Botany point by Neil Davies — in fact, the only ones heard for the year. Crabeater and Weddell seals were added to the Local list and the Giant Petrel was seen off Apostle Bay.

At festivities the weekend Ian Watson, Margaret Chatterton, and Nancy

Flatstar came up and I was able to
put them onto a pair of Partridges - a
new bird to all three. Mike meant
after a late and determined visit at
the Windsor & Eastleigh Church trustee-
and heath a good. But all the start
lath on birds.

The year has not been as
spectacular for water birds as was the
previous season. No Black-throated
Divs have appeared this year. There
are more white-necked Herons about
than usual - perhaps last years big
influx has left us with a breeding
population.

And so we end a new year
and hope to get out and
about more next season

Nov 5th 1953

(31) The first entry for over twelve
months — reasons being much the same as
the first paragraph by the summer. I have
not written up my Hampshire Countryside in
the Bird Study I think more not particularly

lunch-counter. Thought I'd breakfast with them in the Flinders Ranges — but knew I'd return by one of my visits to the creek-mouth in Encounter. Too fortunate spots for the odd half-hour or so. I don't think the really probable for the future. Thought I should go [illegible] regardless waiting on the beach, I shall write to them.

However feeling an exciting idea of Mulcahy's migration to Perric in the Flinders Ranges and Wimmera. We set out at once and the trip down produced [illegible] · MAGPIE-LARK · STARLING · [illegible]. At Black Hummocks Creek [illegible] GULLS, GULL-BILLED TERNS, CASPIAN TERNS and a single BLACK-HEADED GULL. Beyond Wimmera — [illegible] WHITE-FACED HERONS seen.

We went first to the small lake just south of the [illegible] and [illegible] white with the three chalcedon. On the lake about HOARY-HEADED GREBE. 2 pairs of BLACK DUCK. Feeding out on [illegible] the edge in

SHORT-TAILED JAEGERS. BLACK-FACED PETRELS, SPUR-WINGED PLOVER. CHATS. GOLDFINCHES and a BLACK-BIRD. On the way back to the car we count [illegible] a reedy swamp where we found the LITTLE GRASS-BIRD with TUFT of WHITE-NECKED HERON, LITTLE BITTERN and SKYLARK.

After afternoon tea I [illegible] walk back to call at [illegible] a circle to the east through reeds to [illegible] the other, larger lake. At first here was [illegible] duck, [illegible]. But turning [illegible] was a STILT in BREEDING PLUMAGE and a few of RED-BACKED FAIRY — [illegible] for the distance. In a [illegible] swamp on [illegible] we [illegible] two YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILL and two STILTS, as well as a [illegible] flock of [illegible] There were too many WHITE-FACED HERONS [illegible] a Swamp-Harrier or Peregrine — flying low over the swamp with a [illegible] purpose in its future. There were, in the surrounding [illegible] many RAIL

1 LITTLE RED CONTINENT [illegible] the
[illegible]

For Tea we went to the Creeks, and
in a [illegible] afternoon in a [illegible]
Forest Guru, was an extraordinary [illegible]
part of [illegible] PLUMAGE [illegible], the
Equal [illegible] WHITE-WINGED [illegible] NEST
containing [illegible] PALE-FACED CHOKE-
[illegible] for the Big for it. There is [illegible]
one [illegible]. Nicked spotted — Yellow-[illegible].
Then the one silent — in fact the [illegible] may
be called the 'Silent Marsh' — particularly
after [illegible] from 5.15 to 6.45.

On the main [illegible] we added a
[illegible] Egret [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] of
but [illegible] to look for birds [illegible]
the day again.

21st Nov 1953

(33) Two [illegible] to Sydney via the
Coast. Very [illegible] weather [illegible] and
the [illegible] to [illegible] saw STARLING · SPARROW
GOLDFINCH · GREENFINCH · SILVER GULLS · [illegible]
TERNS · CRESTED TERNS · MAGPIE · MAGPIE LARK · [illegible]

PIPIT · BROWN HAWK · STRAW-HEADED [illegible] · SILVER-BREASTED
[illegible] · [illegible] · [illegible] ·
[illegible] NYNAH ; TURTLE-DOVE · WHITE-PLUMED HONEYEATER.

We took lunch at the river
[illegible] in Nairk Kano looking over the
[illegible] where we saw the WHITE-FACED
HERON · LITTLE RED [illegible] · BLACK [illegible] ·
BLACK DUCK and KINGFISHER.
[illegible] REED-WARBLER
[illegible] After [illegible]
[illegible] left at four,
[illegible] through [illegible]
[illegible] Our
route we saw the SILVER BIRD · and it
was not until [illegible] that we
up to Kabanyolo that we changed the
bush for fields [illegible] · PAINTED SNIPE · YELLOW
BILL · SHOVELER and WATER BIRD.
[illegible] settled into Kampala, at
Mt. Scopus [illegible] and [illegible] ·
rest for a short while before the [illegible]
[illegible] CRESTED FLYCATCHER · TAWNY-BREASTED SUNBIRD · ALPINE SWIFTS · [illegible]

Fentail. Very stiff walk made it light going, trying to make the air a little less oppressive.

22nd November '53 We left Mt. Dandenong at 9.30 and made our way along the ridge, over Olinda to Fernshaw Gully — HORSFIELD BRONZE-CUCKOO CRIMSON ROSELLA · NATIVE THRUSH and EASTERN ROSELLA. There we turned left and went through Healesville, Emerald and Cockatoo Creek to meet the ORIENT HONEYEATER · RED-BROWED FINCH BLUE WREN · BROWN-WINGED · THREE-TOED and WHITE-EARED HONEYEATER. Turning South at Cockatoo Creek we came out onto the Princes Highway at Nar-Nar-Goon — DUSKY WOOD-SWALLOW and BELL MINER.

Then, out of the hills, we started the second stage of our trip in the Latrobe Valley, through Warragul. The usual Gallahorn Road we took a brief look at the TEES WORKS and, filling up enough for a REAL BATTLE-FIELD. Then through Tarwin and Tarwin Lower to Rosedale — NOISY MINER · WHITE CRESTED · MAGPIE-LARK · WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE —

[illegible] been giving a good idea of the
changing nature of the country.

We had lunch at [illegible], just
over the river on the right in the newly
finished camping-park. Opposite on
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] · EASTERN [illegible]
[illegible] · DUSKY [illegible] · SPUR-WINGED PLOVER and
heard the LITTLE GRASS-BIRD. Just as we
finished lunch Tom saw a snake in
the grass just beside him — 3-4' away.

In the afternoon we got into the
third stage of that day's journey — the
long straight stretches of road in open
forest, crossing the deep cut rivers — with
the mountains away to the right. Shortly
after [illegible] we came to a large shallow
lake, on & around which were [illegible] ·
MOUNTAIN DUCK · GREY TEAL · WHITE-FACED
HERON · HOARY-HEADED GREBE · RED-KNEED
DOTTEREL. Then in the open timber in
which there were [illegible], there —
[illegible] · LITTLE GREBE · COOT · WHITE HERON

HERON · LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT · HERON · PIED KINGFISHER · and SWAMP HARE.

Back to Swan Brainsdale through more undulating and forested country to Lake Fortuna where we immediately booked in at the Club Hotel at 11.45. Settled down we went for a stroll, eastwards towards the Township where I hoped for the most interesting ornithological observations and to select Curlew 'pickings' in the shallow water and bringing up enchanting flocks of birds in the mud for the delectation of the hungry waders. PACIFIC GULLS · CRESTED TERNS · a pair of CASPIAN TERNS · a FISH EAGLE and a RED WATER-STORK. We crossed by footbridge to the sea-wall by which there was not nothing in the way of the incredible variety of the ocean. And the antics of the spoon fighting for a meal and the sound of its wings beating to go in pairs of THOUSANDS. The beautiful mixed flocks. We came back in early after tea - 7.30.

21st Nov – 1973. — The reading-lamp went
(33) so I was under trouble at Roman so I got
(35) up and stole quilt from the Flowers
& woman [illegible] with the tail
of an [illegible] bird behind across its bottom
I first walked over a mountain onto
a [illegible] with a few buildings I
saw some WHITE-FRONTED GEESE but none
of the waders I had hoped for. So then
I walked on the road up the valley and
was able to pick some sweeter berries
which I ate – I no doubt spent day in
the car, with no time to see before –
BEHIND THERMAIN: RIVERBEDS: YOUNG PINES
HONEYSUCKLE: CLOSED ASPHODEL-GREEN and
PALLID EVERLO.

I had been too lazy to print
the up the previous night so got
[illegible] the day before with up before
breakfast. After with our equipment I
got my punctured tyre mended (Tole the
previous day) and found Scott knew
a cat a new tyre. Though it only had

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done some 7000 miles. Picked - post-card for the children, collect some lunch and off again at 9:30. The day to begin with was fine and cool with scattered clouds. The bush was more open, with less undergrowth than S. Queensland. The road was extremely good bitumen almost lasted till the 1st mile post. Just short of Cabbage Tree, after which the road was a good gravel for the rest of the day's journey.

Around Birdsat was a species of Xerophyte with WHITE-THORNED TRUNK-CREEPER. We had lunch at a creek just short of Cann River. It was very still, very much peaceful, and we heard Crimson-Chats. We stopped frequently on the afternoon to look for plants, seeds of some of which we collected and we experimented with transplanting into Enamel-pint tins. The plant so transplanted has kept the plant so transplanted has grown and is now no longer than they will grow in the bush. I don't

trees. We arrived and [illegible] at
4 pm at the Malaconta HOTEL. We took
the car a little [illegible] down into the
township and stretched when it. It
was very hot with a few showers of rain.
We had inlet tooth superb - spicy
and cool. I saw a YELLOW-THROATED
HONEYEATER in a banksia and found a
[illegible] nest - the only nest so far
on this trip. So home to shower after.
Check of car with [illegible] to be found of
heavy rain.

It was a disappointing day - 75
birds in all (cont. to those to the Top Hotel)
- no Paradise-birds at Mount Hagen; no Wonga
Pigeon at Goroka and no Crimson-fronted
or Red-cheeked Parrot on the grounds here. But
watching for birds that attracted us,
made up for us and transformed
what could have been an exhausting
frustrating day into a peaceful idyllic
day in the open, still back about
the Birds which were not so badly needed
after all

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24.11.73 We got off to a good start at 7 a.m. in the cool, weather, turning right at Geneva, leaving Switzerland (61) departing from Nationale to the Swiss frontier (94) at the Rhône/ bridge. In the bush beyond Geneva I saw a YELLOW-TAILED CUCKOO. The road got more congested until we reached Lyon N.W. where we stopped several times to get plants. We turned down to Bourg then Nantua where we had an excellent morning tea and saw high above a mountain peak a BOOTED EAGLE.

Beyond Eden the road and hills was rather dull until we added a HOARY WINTER to the list. At Bourg we went off to the right to Bellegarde - a delightful road and a valley after the last 60 miles. We stopped just before Bellegarde to collect the seeds of a low Cotoneaster and I saw both the WHITE-HEADED and BRAIN-HEADED VULTURES as well as a flock of TREE SPARROWS and a WHITE-HEADED SEA-EAGLE flying high

shore an inlet. It Remagin was to
Gosports & undetermined spot and
far out at sea were very large
numbers of SHEARWATER
Fowls — Muttonbirds unidentified also
We met the Princess Kaiulani
again at Tilla could open a few yards
distance & Wanderer steamer turned
afternoon to meet us at Batemans
Bay in cos company with the
fast scalloped decks of racing. We arrived
at 5.30 pm. Here some days were
spent filling the tanks at Rakes Entrance,
and at a drop hook gave rate the tanks
& the meantime. The car has
given a little carburettor trouble Tilley
has been not back with at all - perhaps
that has helped the mileage
& also reshaped the
Hot there were two common birds
seen each day & the trip that had
let gone into the interior - WHITE WAGTAIL,
SWALLOWS and FAIRY TERN.

25.11.53 We set forth from the hotel at 9.0 am in overcast weather, and by the time we had made our short trip down to our old Camp 1 [illegible] crossed the pass, it was 9.30. The road was very [illegible] and we plunged along gratefully on it. From Tilla to Nanga we had a steady, but light rain. We saw here the NORTH FAIRY-BIRD · ORIOLE · and BLACK-BACKED MAGPIE. At Nanga we had turned to and [illegible] ourselves a dinner on the [illegible] and we moved on through Nanga, leaving the [illegible] and [illegible] through Worlangpau to Rulli [illegible] the top of which we reached [illegible] the ascent with no ill-effects.

We turned into the Nisticamel Forest and delighted in the wild flowers [illegible] we collected. Then down to the Lake Shore & our optimus [illegible] many other birds. At the [illegible] we saw the FOREST-BIRD.

WHITE-THROATED WARBLER and LITTLE FRIAR-BIRD.
Travelled up the Creek a ton and back again, when a WHITE-NAPED HONEY-EATER flashed by & we stopped with back again. Collected lunch & very delightful [illegible] it was at the Bower. Collected Groom and went back. We examined the bower - beautiful, and practically built with bluey blue Birds Down and about it.
That was with compensation for an Absence of [illegible] shall be for birds in the National Park - have [illegible] for the trip up to [illegible] - not the Birds I suppose for an [illegible] Travel for the extra interest in plants and the curious fact that birds are extra [illegible] Birds Birdies.

26.27.11.28. (67) Two days spent in Sydney - on the latter we went up as far as Springwood & Epping to [illegible]. Here more birds were added to the list - LITTLE WATTLE-BIRD and BULBUL. [illegible] we came [illegible] for the Blue Mountains.

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27.11.53. We got away from the hotel at 10.45 (15) and having picked up some guides in the (109) City began our way out west at once. By 1.0 pm we had got through Penrith and Emu Plains and made our way up Mitchell's Pass where we stopped at Devine's Bridge for lunch. There I saw a SPOTTED THORNBILL and another bird which I could not then identify but next day found was the ROCK WARBLER. We went on climbing through the hills along the ridge, stopping once to see Bentley's Nurseries. We left the main things in the city hotel, dumped and took a short drive to Echo Point. There we took our first view of the South of the Blue Mountains, and had a short walk round to the cascade

19.11.53 road on Sunday and is very quiet (11) the silent lengthy reading in beautiful (134) surroundings in the grounds of the hotel. Before lunch we went in the car round Cliff Drive, looking at the other

from the ranked coastline points, and
attracting in few seeds of plants. Before
then we went again to Ecla Point where
again I saw and identified the Rock
Warbler. Spending a quiet hour in
the bush.

10.11.73. We went straight after breakfast
to Kanangra Walls where we walked, mostly
(9) for a mile or so along the high ranch
(10) beside of Kanangra & then we came
CHESTNUT-TAILED
across a family of HEATH-WRENS
feeding & then we found a magnificent
view of the rock walls & gorges of
Kanangra. Lunch with parents [illegible] in
Kanangra by a creek around us. Then
[illegible] and [illegible] and we were
very much out of condition.
After [illegible] we went to
Cox's to [illegible] and visited the
house for building materials and
walking to the East and the mountains and
and the mountains changed for the worse.

Dec 1st 1953. We left the hotel at 9.15,
(60) (1214) driving back to the east, and, having packed up our plants at the nursery, were entering the Blue Mountains by 10.30 and it was getting hot. We turned south after Penrith and travelled to the Hume Highway at Marulla, just north of Campbelltown. It was the first time we had been in the sclerophyll plateau part of the state - typical N.S.W. landscape - undulating with tall gums scattered - the paddocks, mostly fenced with trees, wooded hillsides - all red soil and standing. In this stretch of bush the RED-BACKED PARROT and SPOTTED PARDALOTE

We left through Picton and Mittagong - and had our lunch in a dry place by ourselves, in the shade of a pine (A BUSHY WHISTLER was in the bi-tree behind us and it was very hot but we saw the first SKYLARK NOT TO) after lunch we stopped at one of those spots that is full of birds - and by the end of the day added FUSCOUS TREE-CREEPER DIAMOND FIRETAIL

WHITE-WINGED TALLER (on left) · STRAIGHT (next
each) and ATTIATED MARABOUTE. They then
carried on, passing a point where we caught
up with to identify.

Then on through Cambodia, we
turned off to the left — south — to Cambodia.
Here the road was a very large valley swamp
in which were both HORNBILL and MARABOUTE.
Later we stopped again by a large
which were at least 100 PELICANS, WHITE
and four pairs of WHITE DUCK. Just as
we pulled up, on a small island down on
the other side of the road. Some just in
front of us a little further on a very enormous
crocodile slip off the bank.

Arrived into Cambodia at mid-
day. Tempest to date. But a day of real
excitement which was interesting both for the
heat, and it went hardly for the first

Dec 4th There had been nothing of
(42) ornithological interest to report in the
(134) preceding two days. We left the Cambodia
Hotel at 7.45 and set on the Siam road.

The day was hot and close with a hint of
thunder in the air. The country
was dry and dusty, and slightly mountainous.
Here & there were white-painted houses
surrounded by the ROMAN STONE-WALL.

We reached the Hotel Hajnal and
continued on it to Gyomaendrod, where
we left the RAILWAY
LINE. It was smaller but at
Gyomaendrod, with dark clouds rolling up.
Some went to the river got into our
bathing (when it thundered with rain) and
had the most refreshing swim. — divine!

And so into the Wagon Restaurant
where we stopped to eat some fruit —
our only choice for lunch. Just before
Mezogyan we stopped to have a look at
the old fort which is nearly ruined &
LITTLE BASKETS. There too were lovely
Black storks in the SECRET PARADISE
At Mezogyan we had another train in
the wide flat — stopped only by
Gypsies with ... At half past three we arrived

[illegible] to the last stage of [illegible] — 41 miles to Rockhampton — all of [illegible] a few miles of reconstruction and a perfect bitumen surface. Just before Archerfield we saw a CRESTED PIGEON, a pair of FROSTED-BACKS and a small flock of BLUE BONNETS. We arrived at the hotel — the room stifling despite storm clouds, intermittent spatter of heavy drops. Hard to write in the light of which it is best to have one candle right at the end. Just time to wash before tea. Forgotten at Yeppoon where we left with behind. Have two books. Stars turn up and the indescribable hoots of frogs in the road.

5.12.53 I woke early, fortunately, and sat out (51) at 5.30 to have a bath ready. It was a (111) cool evening, moving and full of bird-calls. The country was flat with as much bush and below as there was eucalypt. There [illegible] MASKED WOOD-SWALLOWS! RESTLESS FLYCATCHER.

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE and GREY-CROWNED BABBLER. We set off from the new Gunyah Hotel at 9.0 am, travelling west, past large stands of Belah (Casuarina) but west of Dirranbandi, is a large lake - a mass of dead trees in shallow water, the home of white-headed stilts in enormous colonies. In Stocks was a white-plumed honeyeater feeding young in a nest and in Shade I got an extremely good view of a Pardalote - red-spot + white on forehead + all

We filled with petrol at Jandibardi, had some tea and toast and went on west with the creek running by us on the north. Here and there cockatoos flocks we crossed - black + pink + grey + white, a faint reminder of Mesopotamia. Just before Cobungo, I pulled the car in under the shade and went for a short walk along one of these creeks. There I saw YELLOW ROBINS in pairs, and, hearing the creek on a low, came into a

coppice growth in which were a CHESTNUT-TAILED THORNBILL and SPOTTED PARDALOTE. Amazing how at the end of [illegible] found a [illegible]!

From there we travelled comfortably on the wide dirt roads, gravel in between, through completely flat country to Skipton. Some [illegible] south. past Beltana, to Tatyoon. We were keen to see Lord Nelson in Victoria square, so we [illegible] south to Rocklea along that straight smooth road. We had intended to spend the night there, but because we had had such an early start and because we were early, we continued to Glendinning. There we looked in at the Homestead.

16.10.83 Up at 7.0 in the morning with the
(13) (49) birds. Headed for Lunch - finished Cockatoo. Then to Ballarat. Stopped in for lunch at Ballarat and went on the Ballarat reluctantly, starving after an afforested [illegible]. At Lake Talbert

Tk.

[illegible] — WHITE EGRET, CRESTED GREBES · PINK-EARED DUCK · SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER · COMMON SANDPIPER and LITTLE STINT. As at 2.45, we eventually [illegible] — we get [illegible] the GREY BUTCHER-BIRD calling. It has been an interesting [illegible] — for birds [illegible] left [illegible] and the [illegible] the [illegible] to Broome [illegible] the Heath — one family.

June 23rd — 29th — Canadian Rockies

(11) Wrote this on September 1st 1928, from Spray Lake [illegible] the dug up. However, before [illegible] the annual summer [illegible] and [illegible] the first [illegible] with the three elder children. The [illegible] of course is not [illegible] but we can first to [illegible] Tichborne Creek

been staying for a week with Aunt Mary. We stayed there two nights and the only thing of interest was a WHITE-BROWED SCRUB-WREN which was feeding a young PALLID CUCKOO. On the Monday morning we went on to Wamberal Beach just on the western bay of Wilson's Promontory. There we had a sunny camp in the ti-tree scrub. A few yards from the Caravan I found a WHITE-BIRD's nest with 2 young in it. Also found two young Lyrebirds & SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER in the Bay and a found one fresh. Heard birds on the beach. It was a great holiday as such - weather-wise - but I really only saw the ordinary birds I would have expected to see in the district. We came home in the one day on the 29th January with the weather threatening deteriorate! The total list of birds for the holiday was 61 - three - Black Shags Lyrebirds Ornithological activity!

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March. 5th 1938. It was on Friday evening that I left about 5.0 pm to spend the week end with Mac McGavin just N-E of Canowindra. Just out of Canowindra I called on ROBERT MACARTHUR in my Car's radiator. Which was a nice kind of Mac and just we walking on to start with.

Number 1 — Mac was sitting in the window to Sandwoods round close to the house - letting with interest large numbers of RAINBOW BEE-EATERS together with MUSK, LITTLE and PURPLE CRIMSON LORIKEETS — Birds such as all have occurred in Southern Victoria.

In the afternoon we went into the scrub at the southern end of the Canowindra. It was mostly open forest, interspersed in parts with Cypress Pine, and undergrowth of Native Fuchsia. Birds of interest that we saw this day were EURO. RACKET KINGFISHER, WHITE-BROWED BABBLERS. BLACK-

CRESTED BUTTEUR (JAPONAIS) · MINIVET-BIRD
BROWN-HEADED HONEYEATER · FORKTAILED HONEYEATER
and YELLOW-TUFTED HONEYEATER.

(67) March 7th — Was a most magnificent
bird day — We motored down for
the 2 mile mountain birding. We went
up the Pangilaran on the Northern route
and stopped first at a tongue about
on the right of the road just on the
edge of the rising ground to the
east. There was NOT so much there
as we had hoped — we counted seven
or flocks of CRESTED and heard the
LITTLE GREEN-BIRD. We also saw
several a Forktail, the first native Forktail
I had ever seen. When I
pished it it raised its hackles and
squirted him faint and fierce with
a water smelling excretion. Birds
made me last until lunch. For the
rest of the day I kept to myself
& Tan.
We heard the first Koel of the

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Heat spot on the road to Hawkesbury Station. It overlooks the Glenelg River. It was a beautiful spot where we found koalas and in Pinkerton swamp ravens. We saw AZURE KINGFISHERS, DARTERS, the LITTLE EAGLE (a pair fishing) & HERONS NIGHT-HERON.

All told we saw fifty-three species at Heat spot from 10.0 hours - 16.0 hrs - the same number as a month's collection!!

That day we saw a total of forty-seven species. We returned home in time for the news then I made the tea and washed up before it went dark.

SUMMARY 1953 - 54.

And then a quiet year - two Gatlinburgs - a Jamaica, Fiesta - and a week-end with Max. All was good value but it time spent birding was very tight such a firm resolution it has made to go back to the birds this coming season

Chong-Kan
Lagoon.

Glenelg R.

7 7. 04.

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29th - 6th Sept 1984 A week's holiday in [illegible] with (40) the children at The [illegible] house. We had [and [illegible] inserted above] them with us and for two nights [illegible] Amanda. It was a really good family holiday with variable weather — for the most part fine and cloudy, with one day light rain. There was a touch of [illegible] further since we have been here but fortunately most of it has been at night.

We arrived late on Saturday night. Sunday was fine, such a day for the beaches. On Monday we went in the afternoon up to the [illegible] Falls. On Tuesday up to [illegible] Falls from [illegible]. On Wednesday morning I went for [illegible] in the afternoon the rest of the family walked down the [illegible] from [illegible]. [illegible] and [illegible] went to visit [illegible] at the [illegible]. Thursday was the next day, much in the morning [illegible] the painting of a [illegible] without [illegible] drawn. In the afternoon the five adult females went up to the [illegible]

Falls visit even interesting of course
break through the barrier. Last Sunday
we did not take to make the great journey to
the falls. On Friday night we went to
the Cinderella, which Jan was thrilled
but we managed to get back in time
up - dinner with one another, with only
remarkable (quite happily) few and like suit,
[illegible] for the afternoon. Some left
Monday back to Bloemfontein - Saturday

Roads can almost be said to
be negligible - total of 440 - less
than [illegible] - four hours on the
Saturday. Train by immaculate Pacific
trains were (3 thirds) the last of the
species - seem soon at Durban, if not
the Cape Flyer Coast. Captain Lindsay was
waiting in the Pavilion when Sunday
two parties at (11.5.00). Apart from that
there was nothing the conference that one
would expect but busier at Durban - in fact
I would put it at that figure - 90.
It was an excellent [illegible] holiday.

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25 April 1954. — The start of a
Kimberley for just
to Adelaide.
afternoon and we left later than we had
meant to, for Portland. It was a
fast trip and we had much settled
fatigue of birds — just a trip to settle
some SWAMP-HARRIERS; the only other
two observations of any interest being
the BLACK-THIGHED KITE and a flock
of SPUR-WINGED PLOVER over the
wood. A total of nine species
was seen —

EASTERN SHOVELLER
SILVER GULL
WHITE EGRET
WHITE-NECKED HERON
WHISTLING EAGLE
MAGPIE LARK
RED WATTLE-BIRD
RAVEN
HOARY-HEADED GREBE
WHITE IBIS
WHITE-FACED HERON
SWANS
SWALLOWS
NOISY MINER
PIPIT
WHITE-BACKED MAGPIE

Team sitting in front of the Multnomah Hotel, Portland Sunday morning Sept 26th.

Sept 26th We had been for a short time the previous week at Hood River where this photo was made. Arrangements to go out the next day. Consequently the horses were attached and from the hotel at 9:00 and we went out the Bridgeside road and attached Cliff Bungalowside, then turned on a track on the right. This was in fact the old road from Portland to Hood River. We were joined there by the Rankin Thompsons, recently retired to Portland and set for the day return

Hours and for birds.

My diary does not to tell
[illegible] and I [illegible] to
identify the species. I [illegible] did in
fact know a flock that day [illegible]
[illegible] off but we [illegible] caught sight
of it. Nor did I see any [illegible]
of the birds for the rest of the holiday.
Cliff and I went off on a short
walk and I will [illegible] remember
the sight of EASTERN ROSELLA in
a forest walk — Ac. Sapiens — it was
a magnificent combination of
yellows, green and black. The fact
that day can be [illegible] remembered
for its wild-flowers, with Cliff
Beauchamp was well acquainted —
Ac. hyacinthia. The Burnie Heaths and
Pans. We spent that week-end
in [illegible] localities — the most
interesting birds being the BLACK-WINGED
CURRAWONGS in the bush, and. When we
arrived back at the harbour, the

BLACK FACED CORMORANT — a bird for which I must keep my eyes open when near the coasts.

After the war of N.Z. Thy.

L-R — Jim, Thos Hammatt, Cliff Bramley-Moore, Noel Learmonth, Mrs. and Mr Ranstan Thompson.

BROWN THORNBILL
CRESTED TERN
GOSHAWK
PALLID CUCKOO
GREY FANTAIL
NORTHERN THRUSH
VARIEGATED THORNBILL
LITTLE GRASS BIRD
SPOTTED PARDALOTE
BROWN-HEADED HON.
WHITE-EARED HON.

L. BLACK CORMORANT
MOUNTAIN DUCK
W-TAILED EAGLE
FANTAIL CUCKOO
SCARLET ROBIN
GOLDEN WHISTLER
L.-B. TUI
BLUE WREN
TILBIRD
L. SPINEBILL
Y-WINGED HON.

L. PIED CORMORANT
GREY TEAL.
CRIMSON ROSELLA
HORS. BR.-CUCKOO
YELLOW ROBIN.
B.-F. CUCKOO-SHRIKE
RUF. BRISTLE-BIRD
W-THR. TREECREEPER
YH-NAPED HONEYEATER
Y-FACED HON.
LITTLE WATTLE-B

27th Sept We left Portland at 9.15 (51) (11) and arrived at Mt. Gambier at 11.0, where we had morning coffee and collected supplies for lunch. We went of course and had a look at the lakes.

Blue Lake
Mt. Gambier
27.9.54.

We had lunch in Jane Watson-like park at Mullicant and in a walk afterwards I met the HOODED ROBIN. The afternoon we spent travelling up the South Australian coast making a detour to see Beachport and Robe - the latter has been remarkable in that the counting round about was heavily

[illegible] the Coast [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Spinifex Pigeons
Honeyeaters and Singing Honeyeaters.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at Roebuck
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the first wader
[illegible] of the trip.

Caspian Tern	Common Greenshank
Nicobar	Curlew
Marsh Tern	Banded Plover
Whiskered Tern	White-tailed Tropicbird
Black Duck	Brown Hawk
Nankeen Kestrel	Kookaburra
Chat	Yellow-tailed Thornbill
Dusky Woodswallow	White-cheeked Honeyeater
Red-backed Finch	Grey-breasted Bird

29th Sept - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the morning [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] to the end of the [illegible]

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The jetty was 1/3 of a mile in length
to the [illegible] and also had a [illegible] at the
[illegible] end. I was ready for my breakfast.
[illegible] at the [illegible]
high tides for the Caspian [illegible]
we were to [illegible] most of the day.
At first the Caspian was a stretch of
shallow water the edges of which
were thick [illegible] with [illegible]
reeds. At the first major stop, a
[illegible] the BANDED STILT — thousands
upon thousands of them — in almost
unbelievable numbers in huge white
masses [illegible] the water. Here too
in the reeds was the WHITE-BROWED
BABBLER.
Further north the water
was much more extensive and deeper,
changing its character completely.
The birds here were not as
numerous or interesting — the main
ones being the GREEN SHANK and the
BLACK-TAILED GODWIT. On the [illegible]

'12 went [illegible] I was disappointed with the Country

At the other end of the Country (on Main Road) [illegible] a roadhouse at (Martin Vale) [illegible]. From there on there is without much stopping, [illegible] Victor Harbor. To Murray Bridge (a Road) [illegible] to note the left, [illegible], white. The left [illegible] the ADELAIDE RIVER and [illegible]. We arrived at our hotel the SOUTH AUSTRALIA at 7.30

PINK DULIS	CRESTED PIGEON	BLUE WRENS [illegible]
CRESTED GREBE	PELICAN	FAIRY TERNS
BLACK-CAPPED TWITTERER	[illegible]	LITTLE STINT.
[illegible]	[illegible]	BROWN SONGLARK.

29.4.52 In the Morning I had a visit to Hart's Garden at the Museum and spent a little time going over the Exhibits. In the afternoon we had a look about the National Park where I saw the WHITE-PLUMED HONEYEATER and LITTLE LORIKEET. We left [illegible] to the coast for [illegible]

Adelaide and went up the coast to Port Adelaide leaving the RED-WARBLER then on crossed the Torrens.

30th Sept. We went south down the coast looking on at the beach resorts. It (10) rained very heavily & spotted in Black-backed Gulls met us the way. We had (9) lunch and sandwiches before eventually reaching C. Jervis in the early afternoon. From there we travelled east on the Range Rd. to Victor Harbour where we had a walk round Granite Is. Then on to Goolwa where we saw on the Lagoons at the mouth of the Murray R. with its large population of cormorants and pelicans. Then Adelaide where we had supper & left again arriving after dark. In Adelaide put up below as we could over the week-end.

BLACK CORMORANT
HARD HEAD
GARGANEY
PIED CORMORANT
SILVER GULL
SL.-WINGED PARRT
RED-BACKED PARRT
SL.-FR. DOTTEREL
R-B. GRINNET
FAIRY MARTIN

1st October 1974. Here I am in Adelaide. We had a visit to the Zoo and were very interested with the birds. I was particularly keen to see the Blue-winged Kookaburra together for comparison, with their voices. We went to Wirraparra Park where we fed the birds by hand. We also visited the Botanical Gardens, the National Gallery and a Gold-flower exhibition. Last night we left from Adelaide on our long journey home. North through

River R. at Mannahill

— description

Grevillea, into the Banksia walk. Nature found most interesting to Blanche Town — dry and windy. Then we had lunch by the Murray.

Blanche-Town

Murray R. - up-River

After seeing the Murray by [illegible] it was not [illegible] for to Wentworth. Most of the way through [illegible] in which [illegible] a lot of time and [illegible] the last [illegible] WHITE-WINGED [illegible]

FACED KINGFISHER
RED-WINGED DOTTEREL
NANKEEN NIGHT HERON
BROWN HERRILL
JACKY WINTER
LITTLE THORN BILL
FISH-T. KITE
YELLOW HONEA
YELLOW TREE-CREEPER
YELLOW-FRONTED HON.
CR. BELLBIRD
WHITE COCKATOO
8-BACKED PARROT
BUSH TURKEY
E. WHITEFACE
PEACEFUL DOVE

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3rd October Woke up at 5.30 and took
our places in the waiting before
breakfast. We passed through waiting
to Dinghies and Rivers. There we
embarked the river boat. There
they landed us ashore from there to
Ranchi, being with Irrigation
and Provincial and Bengal

However after some the birds
were so [illegible] just beyond Ranchi
we got into waiting again - to wait
off it We had lunch besides the
road there we frightened — Env.
I spent quite a Time there and at
long spots between our journey
there and Midnight — waiting or having
below for breakfast. Now recollect at night.

RUFOUS TREE-PIE	INDIAN PARROT	BLUE-BONNET
CRESTED BARBET	CORELLA	ROYAL FLYCATCHER
DARTER	TREE-PARTRIDGE	GREY WAGTAIL
YELLOW-THROATED MINER	BLACK [illegible]	[illegible]
RUFOUS-W. WOODPECKER	[illegible]	WHITE-EYE [illegible]

4th October We were a bit late leaving
(6?) Mulanje (10.30) and made straight
for Matope. 5 left from here-both
(12) sides the road and the hills and
climb a very steep hour or our old
haunts. Just along the lake for a little
then cutting back through the hollow
country after lunch & climb a
small path through the valley but
it was very hot and all was quiet.
Some left that spot at 3.30 and arrived
at 5 Robinvale. Went down
the Chambezi track for a few miles
and had a walk in the river-bank
forest. There was very much
less bird life than I had been
before, and on this walk saw very
few. We arrived at
Robinvale at 7.45

REGENT PARROT — RAINBOW-BIRD — CH-T. THORNBILL
WH-BR. W-SUNBIRD — RED-LEGGED ROBIN — LITTLE GREBE
PURPLE-B. WREN — RUFOUS WHITTLER — BLUE-FACED HON.
(?) SPOTTED HARRIER.

5th Feb. We were off from Rokwinde (b) Rokwinde fairly early & soon crossed the bridge onto the N.E.W. side to have a look at the river there. I had one shot at a waterbuck and red-fronted gazelle & saw the little Rhodesia and the Golden Bronze-backed.

We had lunch at Nyah on the banks of the Pungwe

- see photo - and moved off at 2.15. Shortly a bastard in a lorry came & told us that the bridge at Inyazura was down & that we must go back to Umtali with him & not try to get to the Rhodesia for the night of 5th February

like many of the lakes and streams for which the district is noted. We have of course the WOOD-DUCK and the PINK-EARED DUCK. We thought we heard the latter on this but did not succeed in finding any of the egrets which we would very much like to have seen.

6th October — up at 5.30 and back to the train soon after. But there was not much to be seen here — it is a little too inaccessible without a boat.

Kyneton — a swamp — edge of this reserve

Kyneton

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We were off at 9.0 and made a fairly direct journey down the south. I took a walkabout at Dunalley where I saw the YELLOW-TINTED HONEYEATER, DIAMOND FINCH and RESTLESS FLYCATCHER. We bought some fresh cakes at Rokeby and had lunch there 7 miles further on. But the bush was very quiet — no Tasmanian! And home at 5.0 pm, the end of the holiday. Though it was only meant to be a family holiday, with birds a second place, it was in fact very successful ornithologically. I had 6 endemics and 7 related species out of 166 (incl. 7 introduced species) — a very large total for the time we had — besides a bird-watching family day two over the border and another four more to Arthur's gate lodge.

6th November 1982 A few days after returning from my holiday I completely flattened down by a Rheumatoid and today I left my warm bed to listen once again at the Richmond Hill Hospital.

I left home straight after lunch and made my first stop at the Black Swan. Standing. I had seen many WHITE IBIS perched on the roof it was with faint hopes of their being there that I went to investigate. No luck as far as that was concerned but in their place were the STRAW-NECKED IBIS and the YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILLS. Closer inspection revealed a TAWNY KINGFISHER, and above the swamp was a GOSHAWK and a SWAMP HARRIER. On the swamp itself were many SWANS, PIED-WINGED PLOVERS, MOUNTAIN DUCK and EASTERN SWAMPHEN.

The next point was to X. Prunebeat, on the advice of those three this had completely [illegible] last February

with Dennis Kemp. Bruce had been both Monk and Spotless Crake and had given his directions and a sketch-map of them to me. The spot I found easily enough and settled myself to watch in the direction of the Coach Turnpike. Half-an-hour's silence produced no results at all and that was all the time I could afford. In the bird-list which I made out: MOOR DUCK, RED-HEADED SMEW and CRESTED GREBE. In the surrounding grass were two GOLDEN-HEADED FANTAIL-WARBLERS. Finally there should be three COMMON - BANDED, FAN-TAILED and GOLDEN PLOVER.

Then we went on to Portland. For the first Trip. Little Tern. - SPARROW. STARLING. BLACKBIRD. GREENFINCH. SKYLARK. DUNNY HEDGEN. YELLOW VULT. BRITISH HAWK. WHITE-FACED HERON. WHITE-NECKED HERON. GALAH. WHITE

CROMATOR, BLUE-WINGED PARROT, WHISTLER, SWALLOW, FAIRY MARTIN, MAGPIE-LARK, BLACK-FACED CUCKOO-SHRIKE, WHITE-FRONTED CHAT, LITTLE GRASS-BIRD, STRIATED FIELD-WREN, PIPIT, RAVEN, MAGPIE, YELLOW-TAILED THORNBILL

7th November: [illegible] at the Richmond at first, [illegible] after [illegible] and [illegible] in an [illegible] way to [illegible] [illegible] to the end of the year in the [illegible] [illegible] CORMORANTS — PIED, BLACK-FACED and LITTLE BLACK [illegible] seen on the water, [illegible] a YELLOW-WINGED HONEYEATER [illegible] the [illegible]

(169) Took [illegible] after dinner to the [illegible] at 7 to the end of the [illegible] Heard a beautiful [illegible] of a CRESTED TERN. [illegible] a bath before tea — lovely life!

8th November. — A grey day with a south-easterly wind and a threat of rain. I [illegible] off in the car to the Tamar [illegible]

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the C. Nelson road. The country was heathland and a coastal strip of kahikatea, cattle and swamp. All flooded and bleak flat. I explored a few tracks and eventually ended up at the light-house. The birds I met were the RUFOUS BRISTLE-BIRD, WHITE-WINGED FUSILADING, TAWNY HONEYEATER and SINGING HONEYEATER. I came back to Portland and cut off on another sandhill road, just to the east of the C. Nelson Road. The country was much the same as I returned and found a small patch of light bush. In fact across an extent, not before reached by me. I spent several hours here, staying through it and added to the list WHITE-BROWED NATIVE THRUSH, FIVE-BEAK, BLUE WREN, RED WATTLE-BIRD, GREY FANTAIL, WHITE-NAPED HONEYEATER, STRIATED THORNBILL and GOLDEN WHISTLER. I also called at the lighthouse on my way back and found a most

extraordinary. Collections of pink - worthy shells, with a few cases of shelf birds unlabelled. Not worth it, but I suppose I can't be scared yet have given while I stay here.

At 4.0 I take the car out beyond the golf links but it was windy with driving rain and all I saw was a Brent Goose. I forgot to say the way that in the morning I had seen a Black Cormorant on the lawn.

9th November (73) After lunch Jeff went for a walk along the pier. It was a grey day with a cold northerly blowing and the water was heavily and the estuary beaches — Stone Haven. From the end of the pier I saw, far out, a Gannet and several Auks.

At 11.0, I drove out on the Bridgewater road to Tranella and there turned north. I made a few brief stops during which I saw the EASTERN

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PINEHILL, ARDEN THORNHILL, CRIMSON HOTEL, TICKLE ROAD and DUNNY INDEPENDENCE.
The most fascinating was a fortune telling alsatian that followed us down the road — smelling lamp posts and bins which looked as if it had had it for the rest of the day.
Neal learnt to ride it in the afternoon and we had a fine chat.
November 16th. Another better day. Up and down the afternoon.
(8) Breakfast & Hiked down the tracks &
(9) Road followed the day pleasantly but [illegible] was a [illegible] part being the only kind of interest. Called on Learmonth for lunch. Tea and examined his beach-washed specimens and admired his views. Then walked further.
After lunch, Neal smiled for us, and we drove a few miles to the east of the town and took some beach-combing

We crossed about a mile of beach and in that distance found 30 FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATERS, 4 FAIRY PRIONS, 2 FAIRY PENGUINS, one THIN-BILLED PENGUIN, one FLUTTERING SHEARWATER, one WHITE-HEADED PETREL and 1 STORM-PETREL. So far not identified. The last four were first-rate and important finds and of course ~~[illegible]~~ Noel was delighted. We also found a flock of about 40 smaller birds that provisionally identified as LITTLE STINTS.

In the evening I attended the monthly Portland Naturalist Society's meeting. The meeting was concerned with the preservation of a sanctuary and the possible establishment of a quarterly publication. Two specimens were called for, one of which were interesting. Noel brought his recently collected specimens — the Storm-Petrel & the ~~[illegible]~~ afternoon was identified as a DIVING-PETREL and the

the Little Knot were unobtainable, so! Finally the president Bessie Lightbody showed some slides, most of which confirmed his statement that he was a beginner, but he had seen Tachybaptus on Bridgewater Bay.

So ended the day — memorable for its beach-combing which added at least two Wait-Birds and even if I have seen the other two it is worth mentioning that I at last met them for the first time!

November 11th - dawned beautifully fine. Before breakfast I went a couple of (93) hundred yards along the beach and (47) found 5 Ruddy-Backs.

Then off to Nelson for the day. Somerset on a clear day was the Principal Highway stopping at odd intervals to look and listen, and add to the list SOOTY WINTER, YELLOW-FACED HONEYEATER, WHITE-BROWED TREE-RUNNER, WHITE-EARED

HONEYEATER, YELLOW-TAILED BLACK COCKATOO and YELLOW ROBIN. The bush by the sea is very fine though not the most, exciting dense. It should make a beautiful National Park.

There is very little at Watson's Bay and after a while I went on the beach where Blue-winged Parrots were very common and I could see on an island - the nesting form PELICANS, and a flock of MUTTON BIRDS sailed by out in the sea-channel and two walked about & picked up the beach finds on Tuttons Beach and. Back for tea and sandwiches after which I rather unwisely went to help on my book in the town. Clay and in bathing trunks. As a result I was very sick. I made certain that Beach would ill for other directions & more Mutton-birds out. Train to TOOBEY DOTTEREL was

on the beach. The weather was deteriorating with a strong N-W. wind & high clouds. So I packed up and left. On the sand-dunes were LITTLE WATTLE-BIRDS and SPINY-CHEEKED HONEYEATERS. I returned the way I had come, past the Eleanor forest & CRIMSON ROSELLAS

November 12th - a clear day with a very strong westerly wind and occasional showers. I drove out to the Bridge over the lakes and the sand-dunes to the west where I left/hidden in Blades sand. I had a pair of BUSH-STONE-CURLEWS here feeding by the side of the road, and having great difficulty walking with the wind. Then to Bridgewater Bay which was looking beautiful, particularly the shadows of clouds racing across the sandhills. Then out to the Blowholes which were not functioning as such, but a fine sea was running. On the way back I found a WEDGE-TAILED

EAGLE and a GREENFINCH.

Then into the old Native track [illegible] stopped in the shelter of Rat Ridge [illegible] we had had Parrots and Lorikeets. It was sheltered there but no birds were seen. Then [illegible] with the rifle, [illegible] Lorikeets. After lunch (which [illegible] back at Rat Ridge) Reed Warblers called for us and we went first to the swamp by the Emerging Warbs. There we found MANED GOOSE & CHESTNUT TEAL. Then north a few miles to the Wind Creek, a site on a stream, open dry country on one side and the thicket covered slopes of Mt Ogre on the other. Saw the EASTERN ROSELLA, WHITE-THROATED TREE-CREEPER and a nest of the RED-HEADED FINCH. Met [illegible] the way [illegible] Goshawks but only single could be seen. Three well grown young.

Nov. 15th Early this morning I left for Indiana on the 10:24 train — picking up two friends — Mary Miller Thornburgh Fitch.

That is a very good total for a great week, but the memory of recognizing in it one bird which was quite a new experience.

February 1885 5th - 16th

We went on a family holiday camping at Rocky Mountain Park with all four children. It was strictly family, but we did go in and visit Estes Park on one occasion. Parts of interest were flocks of RED WINGED BLACKBIRDS up to 10 to the Butte Ridge, a pair of HOODED MERGANSER in the Fall Mountains on Sandy Beach and one BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK. Besides, I think I have had luck to see Mountain Quail on a wooded hillside in the canyon side [illegible]

21st March 1971

Left Pretoria – just a year after my previous visit. Took Wonderkop to the Premises (Friday) Eight and took a long chat with Hans T. Nelson before retiring. In the morning I drove into Johannesburg for a refill of petrol and to get a few things, for Nelson and up & Lunch had seen the following –

WIDOW-TAILED EMBLE, SNAKE EAGLE, FISH HAWK, MOOR BUZZARD, WHITE COCKATOO, RAINBOW BIRDS, RED-BACKED PARROT, KOMMANDO, SWALLOWS, TREE-MARTINS, WHITE WAGTAIL, PETTICHS FLYCATCHER, BROWN THORNBILL, YELLOW-TAILED THORNBILL, BLUE WREN, MAGPIE-LARK, MAGPIE, YELLOW-TUFTED HONEYEATER, WHITE-PLUMED HONEYEATER, MYNA MINER, PIPIT, RAVEN and GOLDFINCH

After lunch we went after the same birds we had seen on Friday at the foot of the escarpment slopes and then a gate in to the right left we found a

Just split to camp for the night. This brought us to 5 quite different country and to have birds for — Jameson's, Purple-crowned Lorikeet, Crimson Rosella, Grey Whistler, Scarlet Robin, Grey Fantail, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, White-bassled Tree-swift, Dusky Wood-swallow, Grey Thrush, Yellow Robin, White-throated Tree-creeper, Brown Tree-creeper, Silvereye, Striated Pardalote, Spotted Pardalote, White-naped Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Fuscous Honeyeater, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, White-eared Honeyeater, Yellow-winged Honeyeater, Red Wattle-bird, Red-browed Finch, Citronel, Grey Goshawk, Field Wren-bird, Blackbird, Black-throated Butcher, Rufous Whistler, Bush-tailed Thickhead and Little Wattle-bird.

When we took off our camp found [illegible] we set off up the "first spur" to the South-west. Then [illegible] west of the slopes of the mountains. We kept on the eastern boundary until [illegible] the top. [illegible]

[illegible] and what not. We [illegible] down again on the north side - hoping out to the north on more healthy country on our return to the camp. Which we reached about 5 30 pm. Birds seen on this part — BANDED-DARTER, WHITE-EYE, MOUNTAIN THRUSH, SILVER-EYE, GOLDEN WHISTLER, TAWNY-CROWNED HONEYEATER, CRESCENT HONEYEATER, STRIATED THORNBILL, BROWN-HEADED HONEYEATER, STRIATED FIELDWREN, WHITE-HEADED

2nd March

"Little Tony" The next morning we were a/ early start off on the same beginning of Mount Tarn for the "Second - Spur" and the following it continues up into the mountains. Though we kept up from the undulations [illegible] along the ridge [illegible] for [illegible] our [illegible] route, particularly as we had to get through such thickets to cross [illegible] tributaries. We worked our way along the ridge. Which at first [illegible]

and then rest again until we climbed
up onto a ledge over Steve. The
leader paid no notice and Steve was
surrounded by big, black-tailed
Eagles. There were four birds and
all four were considerably frightened at
the human presence on the right (north)
bank.

Again we took to [illegible] across
the stream, and on the other [illegible]
saw one rather on the steps that
did not get so much sun. After
one spot we stopped and observed the
Eagles, perched in more wooded
mountainside just above us. Behind
and above them was a flock of
small birds, just visible with glasses.
Ken said [illegible] what they were?
[illegible] said "Rosy Finches".
The flock swooped down the hillside
and many birds flew into the trees
around us. Later Ken said they were

Stellen was good to see !! They were very definitely BLACK-HAIRED PEOPLE. The girl was very tough and at one stage, when she was infant of the playground boundaries. I gave them sweets thought was a helpful push. To be communicate with an inuit spell for us was back from a large whale — we found for the day.

We found some well down the stream as we started the tracks below us. That Mon Knob formed on a previous occasion. We stopped thoughtfully down into it made to easier walk. We walked upstream again to the river. Stuck the tracks tracked, rested and then set off down the track at about 3.30. The track was very valley, but led gradually to the north to start a large tramp on Stuck was a WHITE - FACED HERON.

By the time we had got past the swamp we were well to the north of our camp so we turned south through red gum country with scattered melaleuca thickets and heath. We were well out in the country for we walked and walked and seemed to get nowhere. At last we picked up a track which we recognised as that on which we went last year to what we called the "Lucerne Stream" (4.15). Through we picked up the track a full two miles from the Lucerne Stream (which was the second thing first above the swamp) we still had over a mile to go to our camp. On this last stretch we saw the Hooded Robin and a pair of Emus with six young. We got back to the car at 6.0 pm — quite exhausted, having probably done 18 miles for the day. Half of it at least since

losing the race. When we got home we were too tired to eat — an experience I never recall being actually if could frequently be called exhaustion! Bed was called just before 7 that on my 13th birthday — home.

It was a magnificent week-end, the exploration being just commenced for as the birds of the Bolton district now began very interested. [MAP p 116.]

17th April 1915 A Zeppelin raid with Bill Tom Tubbleton, Sid and Ken Rain at Frost. It was a black day for birds — very windy. Very little was seen quite a Canadian but one bird kept. It was out along Brown's Road such as the Farmcliffe Road, we turned South along each occurs road. The first one brought us out near Barlows Lodge, the second to a point by

heart bends. The Carlisle Rd and Tarleton Church roads are opened and we get on through Longwillow on the Bamber Bridge road. Then up the east-west Forest Commission road as far as we could get. Stop and stripped for lunch. We turned back a bit and came out at Longwillow. Then reached the F.C. road on the Carlisle Road and so eastwards with occasional stop to Barnacre Depot and home about 3.30.

Two entry lists of interest. Dark Purple Hedgehogs and Buff-tailed Humblebees. Put it down you'll get out into Bill again next time.

26th April 1930 We set off again to Nan (40) the Crumpsalls. This time to Bill Bird and Bill Middleton and we left at about 7.30 on Saturday morning. Going by Tarleton.

Pennhurst and Uitenhage. We saw the usual birds of the Western District — SPUR-WINGED PLOVERS, BLACK-HEADED HERONS, EASTERN ROSELLAS and just outside Cowandilla a flock of about 70 Cockatoos.

We arrived about lunch time and after our meal set off down the track we had been on five weeks previously. At one stage we took a wrong turn to get up to the ridge where we had had lunch previously and camp the night there. But we got a bit weak-minded about it and decided to continue. Consequently we spent the rest of the day and most of the night on the mountain-top.

We walked on a bit and got into a very good area for birds — EMU (flock of 11), WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE, RING-TAILED EAGLE, RING-NECKED PARROTS, CRIMSON ROSELLA, KOOKABURRA, CRESTED PIGEONS, TREE-MARTIN,

Ashy Wheatear, Gray Fantail, Willie-Wagtail, Striated Thornbill, White-browed Scrub-wren, Brush-wren, Dusky Woodswallow, Figbird, Gray Thrush, Figbird, Yellow Robin, White-browed Treecreeper, Silvereye, White-naped Honeyeater, Eastern Spinebill, Yellow-faced Honeyeater, White-eared Honeyeater, Yellow-tufted Honeyeater, Yellow-winged Honeyeater, Minny Miner, Rat, Little Wattle-bird, Red-browed Finch, Raven, Grey Currawong, Pied Currawong, Black Bird & Figbird Robin

Considerable excitement was caused shortly after we had stepped by my seeing a Black-chinned Honeyeater. Such was a "new-bird" for all. Tunnel on Wright's property. We were in the centre of a flock and had quite a good look at him for some time. We moved the car on right up to the spring and boiled ourselves a good feed and

turned in fairly comfortably at about
4.0 pm

Mon 31st Mar All asleep at 7 pm - it
(1) had been a wild night fortunately, and
we were to be blessed with the perfect
(31) Easter day — climbless, windless and
cold. We set off from camp
fairly early and by working up
stream and so ways & so by track
we came onto the tracks. Quite hard
going indeed track and so for
extras. We turned right and walked
up stream & the main (9.30) and then
on the route we took descending to
the Cwmbrwyno Isaf (Where we had
thought of camping) at 10.30. After
a hour we left our packs and walked
up the stream, continued, on the south
bank. It became almost gorge-like
in parts and we eventually climbed
to a rocky outcrop and had our
breakfast. We then set off to

the river up the stream. Slick [illegible]
[illegible] swam with it by us and we
were more than half way up
by then. [illegible] started to climb
to the [illegible] we turned back
to the ledge for lunch.

Afterwards we returned without
to the eastern slopes of the valley. Slick
continued the lesson. We practiced up
then northward until it was almost
dusk we could then get to the
top of it. Then we plunged down
into the valley. And here we hit
it the thickest brush I have ever
been in. It took us an hour to
do the [illegible] 1/2 mile down to the [illegible].
Half-way we rested and watched the
magnificent flight of the black-tailed
Eagles [illegible] in a thermal [illegible]
above us. From the valley we went
Northward [illegible] at 5:30. The
[illegible] decided to not [illegible] that we were

SCARLET ROBIN, YELLOW ROBIN, MOUNTAIN THRUSH, GREY
THRUSH, EASTERN, GOLDEN WHISTLER, RUFOUS-
CAPPED FANTAIL, VARIEGATED WRENBIRD, YELLOW-
CROWNED HONEYEATER, CRESCENT HONEYEATER and
WHITE-EARED HONEYEATER.

We continued round the camp for
some Yellow Robins coming in
and we heard Pale Thrush. We were
frustrated with Eastern Whipbird - but a
quiet, lazy, morning tramp and finished
up in Devonshire Tea.

"MINNOW-POOL"
CAMP 30.4.55
"SECOND SPRING"
WEIR.
1.5.55
1.5.55
1.5.55
1.5.55
LEDGE
27.3.55
1.5.55
CAMP 26.3.55
"FIRST SPRING"
A = 3 miles from beginning of track
A-B = 1 mile
A
B

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TASMANIAN CAMP-OUT OCT 1985

14-10-85 Mum and I flew over on the middle flight, went out to Port Arthur, visited a 19th Century convict site and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Port Arthur Motor Inn. The afternoon was a time of reception and then delightful evening meal enjoyed with the Governor and his wife at the Parliament House. No time to report until the exception of the Hobart Regatta

15-10-85 (Saturday) We went to the Salamanca Market where there was a wide variety of goods, a magnificent one. We also saw a display of BLACK CockatooS and a PEREGRINE FALCON. We had lunch at Fern Tree where we went up a path through the PINK ROBINS, GOLDEN WHISTLERS and BROWN TREE-CREEPERS and saw a lyre bird foraging for food. Then departed down the valley

much more rapid! Then across to Hannah
Here we find birds best adapted in
Flowers plants were the first of many
we had transplant to the State Museum
went down the east shore of the Swan
Estuary to Eyguet south on Lotland
to coast drive all the way round
to Bunbury until we turned into
on the eastern shore of the D'Entrecasteaux
Channel At Middleton 7 miles
first native-threated Honeyeater
Through Bunbury back to Holyard — a
delightful trip of exactly 100 miles.
16.10.55 (Sunday). We breakfasted upon Swan
to later us in Two cars Hannah having a
lot of money up the Williamson Valley
We had a drink at the Bunbury Inn.
Near Norfolk and on to the Mt Frankland
National Park via Nannup Flora.
At the Russell Falls we met the rest of
the party Sticks went up the
mountain as we went to the Falls
Barrelows and Sticks where the trail

unfortunately I have so few days in Australia. We then went up the Mount - it was cold with a light dusting of snow and we took many photos (unfortunately inadequate because of cloud) half way up. At the top it was freezing and blowing hard and we took the most perfect walk around Lake Dobson, in March snow!

We returned (without even catching up with the snow party again) to Plenty and we visited the Waterworks. Then by the same route home. Birds of the day were the BUTCH CURRAWONG and BIRDS THORNBILL on Mt. Field, CHESTNUT TEAL and CASPIAN TERN on the Derwent. I was also convinced to see a PACIFIC GULL up above New Norfolk. At New Norfolk we had afternoon tea at the Inn full of antiques and went through fantastic [illegible] many modern cottages.

19th Oct - Thursday - Plans for the day to
Melbourne for Uncle Garth's funeral
and back on afternoons M.D. back
Slime & mess as much as ever

19th (Thursday) Was left Hobart and set
off north-east past Cambridge to Tea
Tree through Sorell and the
woods east and south to Orielton the
Vaughan's station connecting the Forestier
Peninsular. Across that peninsular
to Eaglehawk Neck Sea on both sides
by the Tasman Arch. From that part
of the coast line is stretching south
on Kangaroo Bay which was packed with
MUTTON BIRDS. Vast numbers of them
were flocking in all directions as the
wind ruffled the sea, as well as
a strong and steady stream making
both off the coast. Then on to
the Arthur River at Port Arthur, where
we spent the rest of the afternoon
walking around the ruins. In the
evening there was a meeting at which

Juvenile reports were made Stick 5
attended Stick from spent a frightful
week in the Range where Patricia
a mental wreck left, wrecked house.
19th (Wednesday) After breakfast we set
for a short walk during Stick 5 saw
the Dusky Robin and BEAUTIFUL FANTAILS
and heard the SPOTTED PARDALOTE.
Then we spent the day at Eaglehawk
Neck - the morning at the Arch and
Blowhole and the afternoon walking
along the beach to the Lufra Hotel Stick
from. Heavy bridges and 5 refreshed
ourselves copiously at Neck. 5 thought it
with me a bird or two walk back
for the car and see a bit further
to find it was exactly the same
distance as Pirates 5 to Pirates! The
MUTTON-BIRDS were out to welcome them
but we saw two large ALBATROSSES, a few
DARK-BACKED SHEARWATERS and many BROWN
WATTLE-BIRDS. 5 one flock 50 to meet
again the BLACK-FACED CORMORANTS.

28th (Thursday) was by far the most successful bird-day of the Camp-Out. We went down to the Cook Pines through Nicholson on the north-east part of the Peninsula. From the northern [illegible] there was a splendid sight of a large flock of CORMORANTS flying into a tree for the night. The country was well worked with light underfoot the whole time. BLACK-HEADED HONEY-EATERS, SWIFT PARROT, TEA-EATERS and YELLOW RUMP-BIRDS. On route I had heard the OLIVE WHISTLER and we came across one eventually. She [illegible] us with [illegible] and in [illegible] position.

Back in good time to see the CHIMNEY SWIFTS and feel sure it is the bird that is puzzling us in the Old Town. Then Tom found the FORTY-SPOTTED PARDALOTE working. She was a great find. Richard Shoulder had [illegible]

it would be fun and it had been some 25 years since it had last been found. I had a very vivid idea of the little creature but the writer had a total [illegible] at [illegible] from distinguished [illegible] by the [illegible] from any of the so-called [illegible]

21st (Friday) Our last day in camp and a quiet one. In the morning we went round the beach to Fourth Bay. We found a snake [illegible] to eat a small possum. The head was covered with saliva but had been ejected when it stuck on the [illegible]. The snake was trying to get one of the hind legs down when we found it. Even touching its tail did not cause the snake it twitch. However it did retard when [illegible] it. After the Bay I was a family of Tromo-

Bird Honeyeaters, the Tui with its
tuft but they
would be like on a very
like Tuis and then drove out to
Sinbad Cove and Remarkable Cove —
the latter a gloomy and impressive
hole in the earth connected with the
sea by a huge tunnel. For the
rowers it was hard work and
we were the next stage of our holiday
and very
romantic
22nd (Saturday) We set off from Port Arthur
at 9 am leaving fine and our good-byes
and Tom, unfortunately with the
beginnings of a cold. By Dunally's
saw a SEA-EAGLE, a pair of WEDGE-TAILED
EAGLES and a BLUE-WINGED PARROT. Instead
of following the direct Highway we left
north past Nelson Bay and left into
the Rugged Tier at Boomer Creek. Follow-
it round to Killarie Station we turned
north through Nugent to Buckland. S
watched the cow was dropping just before

13th

we got in and the water tyre was almost flat when I pulled up at the garage. While that was being repaired we paid a visit to the church and graveyard with some chinese immigrants who had a cup of tea by Stick time the car was ready

After we left Rockhampton we came across the first of two exhibitions of Stick we took some photos of normal behaviour. At the same time I could see YELLOW-TAILED BLACK COCKATOOS. At Gracemere we had a milk-shake, bought sandwiches and fruit Stick we ate at a spot surrounded by fishermen who were there in large numbers. Shortly after I stopped to inspect a patch of bush in which I found a BROWN HAWK'S nest with 3 eggs. A bit further on I was climbing down and Dave and Tim heavenly backwards. Then after

waiting a while till the boats returned
I had rushed [illegible] glasses up, and
in doing so [illegible] a bit of bank in
my right eye and a bit went down my
throat — I can [illegible] almost
[illegible] peaches.

So on towards Cabo Bo, I
passed at [illegible] days on where
there were hundreds of [illegible] with
crowds of small [illegible] In one was
a boat load [illegible] young [illegible]
beside them with another [illegible] on
one of the [illegible] backs [illegible]
[illegible]. We reached the Chateau
at Cabo Bo about 5.0 pm where
[illegible] Chalet and [illegible]
[illegible] into comfort. [illegible] feels
[illegible] such as it is such a tough
spot. It is possible we may [illegible]
[illegible] than the one night here

23rd (Sunday) Awoke early and [illegible] up and
out at six. I walked round behind
the Chateau and climbed one of the

Travellers Rest Farm Stack. Found a very good instance of the longshore. Found a good look at a Evening Thrush. Also a Jew-stone. Saw Water Rail — still displaying with Moorhen, but feeding under shelter.

After breakfast we walked back to the Fishermans Cottage. Here we were joined by David & Chris-Lewis and Charlotte. Then we attacked Mt. Agnes. Two-thirds way up from open ent, Stacks with Tree Cliff, we very wise. I went on up: the top was a sharp pitch Fore-mountain Ring Ouzel (m), with no indication which was the best. I went up too quick got a partial view of Lone Flats Bay and a magnificent view South down the coast.

After lunch I slept. After a cup of tea at 4.0 pm. We went off by Car to Mawgan Beach, where the rocks & cliffs were interesting and we collected a Stone Curlew nest with 2 eggs. Leave Chris the Chats and Charlotte

on the seas as the rolling of the sea took
us southwards in all directions.

14th (Tuesday) We left Coles Bay just before
9.30 am and instead of proceeding up
the east coast as we had planned
turned west onto the Campbell Town
road. Just as we got to the turn
off the rain came down and
continued steadily during the forty
odd miles through stony uninteresting
bush. It was dense in the rain &
when a cattle ute passed us on the road and
was attacked by a large, speckled pigeon
call. Shortly afterwards, another
came from a SPOTTED QUAIL-THRUSH.
Good views of the CHIMING CUCKOO
convinced us more than ever that it
is the bird we have in the Orkneys.
Around 2. o'clock we began to see the
KOOMARBURRA which was present till the
River (Abbotsbury) side of Launceston.
We had lunch at Campbell Town
and then sped rapidly up to Launceston

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Arrived about 2.0 pm. We booked in at the Retreat. I left the car in to be serviced and we set off by bus. We walked from the Baiern up the gorge to the gardens which are interesting planted with azaleas and bamboos. A walk up a steep road and bus back to the Museum and from there to the hotel. After dinner we went to the flat of Heather Jones. Photoshoot at the Museum. Showers in the camp and Shane and Deborah went and checked in at 11.0 pm.

25th (Tuesday) It was a lovely day today. We started off from Kowloon at 9.0 am and headed west. The thirty-mile trip through rolling country, green with lush pastures and golden chrysanthemums, lychees and other Chinese trees in which were half-finished old stone houses passed too quickly. We finished our photoshoot at Deborah and

French Riviera route to Monte Carlo. Then the weather turned against us. Heavy rainstorms with only brief intervals between. We climbed rapidly out of the plateau above the river Durance to Digne. We heard music too at Barcelonnette during a brief interval from rain during, but virtually the whole visit was a wet blur with such good reason around us. Most fed up retired at Barcelonnette and so to bed. It clears there it says, time we arrived at 2.0 pm. Been raining, Pouring or as it is now. Thundering Lightning. But there is no doubt such rain is necessary for us in the East. It is very beautiful and private and we saw both sides of the valleys from route yesterday and Pedemontane are extremely fine and I treasure photos of them very fed by Joan. Then one a delight and Joan thrilled Joan so much that the house made this part of the trip quite worthwhile

26th (Wednesday) We spent the morning at L. H. Claire. The weather had changed considerably and though there was cloud on the mountains peaks we were not wet each time we walked round the lake. Our first walk was the latter edge track for a mile & a half to a beautiful seat by a Bubbling Brook which at last connected us that it was separated from the Brown Thrush. Then up the lake of the L. Head track in magnificent beech forest - but no sign of the Forest-Fit. We left at midday - very well satisfied with our first morning's work & the memories of the walking & keeping faith in the hut at breakfast each time selecting three feet a biscuit in our pocket for Mary.

The drive down to Grasmere was perfect & we stopped. The lake was in shade and as the water

Kodak, cleared we could see more of the nearby surrounds as Rosenau soon disappeared - some modest hill-tracking. We found we could get a glimpse of Stadtamhof but then we veered off to the right (Thursday) & we left the main road with Linz & Wien behind us through interesting countryside with hills & forests & occasional villages until it. Zeilarn was an appealing destination on Rosenstein - look 30. Zeilarn has it was very much more deserted. We had seen very few cars on the trains until we reached Zeilarn & travelling with it in the morning we travelled on the 1:30 rail-coach to Ravine Dam we thought we would be back there Zeilarn. We went through extremely thick beech & oak woods, mostly old with Elm, Ash & Beech & Fagus, with the gullies not cleared. It was the Thursday of Lent & we were refused

14th Saturday. We were to have gone out to Wight Island but the weather was too rough. But that was so unkind as but it rained all the rain almost all day. Joan arrived at 11.0 and we had the Wife Lunch in part & we have it 4.0 Mac and I went St in the car and he showed me where the two previous years. He thought but had hoped there was to night today but he may each I get a new good weather a par a Brown bottle Birds around us to approach I want I feel on the road. For the time Mac showed us some of the Stars. It was very good indeed & make Contact with the Macnairs again and know their Christian for they help us & cope with the rain. Their welcome was so unkind!

15th Sunday We left the Hut at 9.0 A bad Storm up wind night was a Beautiful day Blue sky and Clouds. A good road the time to us

VACUUM ROAD MAP OF TASMANIA

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HIGHWAYS
MAIN ROADS
OTHER ROADS
TRACKS
RAILWAYS
INTERMEDIATE MILEAGES 5 6
TOTAL MILEAGES
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LIGHTHOUSES
GOOD FISHING

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SOUTHERN OCEAN
TASMAN SEA

A.G.B. CLAUDE AUTTIN

MAX BILL MIDDLETON PETER ROSS

12.11.55 Grantham's

11th November 1955. Set off with Bill Tiddleton after lunch and arrived at Cavendish [illegible] where we met Max Nelissine, Claude Austin and his brother-in-law Pete Tim. After refuelling we [illegible] and ourselves we went north up the [illegible] Highway till we got to the road off to the right (i.e. east) which continues over the range through the Chuming Pat Gap to the Victoria Valley. We camped a few miles in on this road and had a short night round. At 9.0. as we were turning in a light rain fell.

12th November. After breakfast we did a wee through exploration of the area round the Camp which was quite flat and with little undergrowth. Birds seen were the RAINBOW LORIKEET, with a call very like a twin [illegible], WEEBILLS, SPOTTED PARDALOTE with nest in yellow [illegible], BUTCHER-BIRD (first record for the area), BLACK-CAPPED SITELLA, [illegible] in a [illegible] Chuming, WHITE-BROWED BABBLER, fine EMUS and in MISTLETOE BIRD.

We then went on to see just the other side of the Gap - There were still heavy beds on the battlements there, but in a place we had a gate leaving [illegible]

We had lunch at the turnoff from the Gap road to the access road to the ruins. - PHOTO p 144. We went on to the second view where we came across the NATIVE FIG CACTUSES. Ian is pulling down the small ones. Then with such tremendous human power you used to get it out. We found there was no through road (it was blocked by a mound) to the first view so we cooked us our lunch on the fireplace there in the ramp.

November 9th. We awoke on early start at 6 hr, eating by up to road to the first view. Then NATIVE THROUGH the west by the path. After a rest at the view we went on to Eagle Falls, left our beach and proceeded on up to

the [illegible] in gradual climbs, many single
[illegible]. We got well up it & then
[illegible] disappointed to find that [illegible]
there we were not [illegible] above us the
Victoria Falls [illegible] were yet another
[illegible] beyond us. [illegible] we took [illegible]
a time & by [illegible] we all
felt sure were CATUTA. Back to the
Falls [illegible] lunch [illegible] back to
the [illegible] Post [illegible]

[illegible]

Then back to the cars at the
camp and retracing our steps to the
Gap Road [illegible] junction by which
we [illegible] a CAPTAIN-TITLISH — another
[illegible] for the district. From there
[illegible]. And it was a long
[illegible] — over 15 miles and [illegible]
[illegible] me back [illegible] tired [illegible].
[illegible] the [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] into a [illegible] in the heart — [illegible]
[illegible]. But I think it was the
best [illegible] camp and [illegible]

December 1st 1955 - After immigrating the Glee Three Pairs headed back from Gerangamete where we heard of FLYCATCHER Steere. Rod Middleton had found me) and found a REEVES WHIMBREL at Tea. Then went on past Warrawine Station. Saw some GULL-BILLED TERNS. & Black. Near Thingatalina found a PEREGRINE FALCON at nest in a large gum tree. Due to lakes by Rosedale there were large numbers of GREY TEAL and a few AVOCETS.

December 2nd 1955 I had attempted Gull-billed Terns coming fed from the region of L. Alma W.N.W. When on a visit to Kath and Alan Noble. On the trip past Warrawine (see above) I thought I could see where they might be nesting - a low island near N.E. a hundred yards N of from the Western shore of Turrumburg. Lake this day about 4 pm we had Bob and staying with us, and feeling as if we wanted some exercise?

suggested we go out to this island. So with, Mike and Jimmy, we took the car down to the lake's edge and rowed out.

We were well rewarded. Swans and Silver Gulls were nesting and were at all stages - from eggs to young. About 50 nests of Gull-billed Terns were found and a Caspian Tern's nest with two eggs. This latter was a real find - being the first inland record of nesting I can find.

Gull-billed Tern — nest + eggs

L. Thurmond 21.12.57

GULL-BILLED TERNS

nest at L. Tuscumbia

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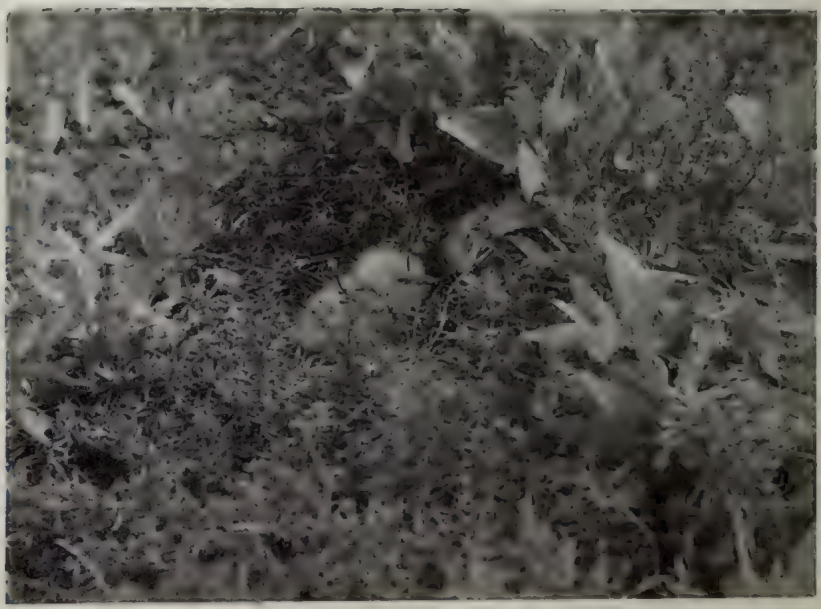

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THE CROSSBILL—Loxia c. curvirostra.

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